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CHRISTMAS COUNT RESUME

by John L. Chapin

On the basis of 10 areas reporting it appears that 111 species of birds were found on recent Xmas counts in Colorado. Some of the more rare and interesting species were: Western Grebe (Fort Collins), Barrows Goldeneye (Rky. Mt. Nat. Park), Swainson's Hawk (Colorado Springs), Osprey (Durango), White-tailed Ptarmigan (R.M. Park), Spanish red-legged Partridge (Fort Collins), Mockingbird (Loveland), Green-tailed Towhee (Longmont), Rufous-crowned and Chipping Sparrows (Colo. Springs), and Swamp Sparrow (Jefferson county).

Colorado Springs led in variety with 76 species in 70 party hours. Longmont was next with 74 species in 55½ party hours followed by Jefferson County with 73 species in 56 party hours. Longmont led in finding the largest numbers of individuals of 30 species and tied for high on 6 more species. Colorado Springs had more of 27 species with 3 ties, Jefferson County was high on 21 species with one tie. Idaho Springs was high on 6 species, Fort Collins on 5, Weldona on 4 with 3 ties, Loveland on 4 and 2 ties, Black Forest on 3 and one tie, and Rocky Mt. Nat. Park and Durango were high on 2 species each. Colorado usually has the highest counts of the nation in species such as Magpie, Gray-headed Junco, Solitaire, and several others.

A plot from the typical count area of numbers of species found as a function of party hours spent in the field usually gives a broad curve which ascends steeply at first but later tends to round off but continue a slow ascent. An area can predict roughly how many species it will find on its count from the number of party hours it spends in the field. This year seemed to be no exception to this general rule. Colorado Springs put in the largest number of party hours and found the largest number of species.

Some birders play a game in which someone reads off the birds found on a Christmas bount from Audubon Field Notes. The others see who can come closest to the geographical location of the area. I suspect this game could be played with Colorado counts alone. Almost every count reported here has its own characteristics. Northern edge areas would lack Scrub Jays, southern edge areas would have many. The ratio between Slate-colored and Gray-headed Juncoes would give an indication of the east-west position of the count area. Other indices by which a count could be located could probably be found.

The table which follows begins with the most eastern area, Weldona (A). Next come 5 edge areas arranged from north to south including Fort Collins (B), Loveland (C), Longmont (D), Jefferson County (E), and Colorado Springs (F). Next comes the Black Forest (G), followed by 2 mountain areas, Rocky Mountain National Park (H), and Idaho Springs (I), and finally by the only western slope area reporting, Durango (J).

Observers in the various areas include:

Weldona (A): Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Bonner, Dennis Carter, Irving Greenbaum, Mrs. C.W. Hansen, Harold and Evelyn Holt, Mrs. Estella McCutcheon, Howard Rollin, Donald M. Thatcher, Donna Thatcher.

Fort Collins (B): John R. and Margaret M. Douglass, Jack B. Lozier.

Loveland (C): John R. and Margaret M. Douglass.

Longmont (D): Jay Arnold, Mrs Inez Baker, Mrs. Case, Mrs. Carl Collister, Mrs. Camille Cummings, Harold Dunning, Mrs. Flora Ferrier, Mrs. Fred Fox, Ella Haubold, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Johnson, Rosemary Newsome, Walter Schening, Gwen Smith, Mrs. Nina Shultz, and Mrs. Merle Thielen.

Jefferson County (E): Phillip Alexander, Vernon Betts, Dennis Carter, John L Chapin, Ann Condit, William Foerster, Tony Gaskill, Irving Greenbaum, Netta Henricks, Harold and Evelyn Holt, Kenneth Laue, Norma Leonard, Edwin L. Licht, E.D. McKee, Sadie Morrison, Margaret Murphy, Mary Robinson, Robina Storrie, Donald and Donna Thatcher.

Colorado Springs (F): Mrs. T.L. Adams, Dr. Richard Beidleman, Mrs. G.L. Catlett, Stanley Davis, Mrs. Kenneth Ewing, Mrs, L.B. Field, Capt. & Mrs. D.W. Galvin, Mrs. George Griffith, Dr. Mary Hamilton, Mrs, Dickson Leavens, Mr. & Mrs. Don Malick, Dorothy Mierow, Mr. & Mrs Paul Nesbit, Mrs. William Noble, Dr. & Mrs David Parmeter, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sample, Mary Shirer, Mahlon Speers, James B. Stabler, Dr. Robert Stabler, Mrs. E. VanSickle, Mrs. H.G. Wagner, Mr & Mrs H.J. Weberbauer, Mrs. A.D. Williams.

Black Forest (G): Dick Beidleman, Dick Pillmore, Ken Remy, Hugh Kingery, Reba Beidleman, Ed Herbert, Barbara Snyder,

Rocky Mountain National Park (H): Paul Thomas, R. Owen Baldwin, Wayne W. Bryant, John & Margaret Douglass, Norman Simmons,

Idaho Sprongs (I): Mr. & Mrs Joe Borden, Phyllis Caswell, John K. and John L. Chapin, Evelyn Holt, Thompson Marsh, Sadie Morrison, Gwendolyn Smith, Donald and Donna Thatcher.

Durango (J): Nancy, Paul, Sandra, Sue Ann and Thomas Frizell, Oppie Reames.

Summary of the Count follows on pages 3 and 4.

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CORRECTIONS and ADDITIONS -- Vol. 7, No. 1. Sept. - Nov. 1959

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5 4 Lincoln's Sparrows, column H, should be Song Sparrows.

8 White-rumped Sandpiper - add early date, 8 5/23 Bonny Resv. (Count).

9 Red-bellied Woodpecker listed for Longmont, 5/13, should have been Red-headed Woodpecker. (Kit Carson record for Red-bellied is correct.)
White-throated Swift - change 5/12 to 4/12.

10 Orange-crowned Warbler - previous first dates should read (5/2,4/24,4/28, 5/5,5/4).
Myrtle Warbler - change 3/20 to 3/28.
Audubon's Warbler - under previous first dates, W indicates "wintered".

12 Bufflehead - add later date for Jefferson County: 2 4/28 (P&JW).

13 Under Migration Counts, Sparrow Hawk 66 5/22 should be 66 4/22.
First Dickcissel report should be 6/14 near Golden (P&JW).

A report of a most unusual species, the FLAMMULATED OWL, was inadvertently omitted. The bird was seen at Longmont, first 4/16 by Mrs. Collister and Mrs. Baker, and was last reported as seen 4/29 by Rennie Fox.

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Under the new schedule for issueing COLORADO BIRD NOTES (see page 7) the publication year will correspond to the calendar year. Thus, this issue starts volume 8 and the last issue, volume 7, number 1, completes volume 7.

Species	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Western Grebe		1								
Pied-billed Grebe						3				
Great Blue Heron	1			5		2				2
Canada Goose		167	22	8	734					
Mallard	24	22763	12839	23572	704	493				26
Gadwall				5	79	12				
Pintail			100	2	35	4				
Green-winged Teal	1	2	20	150	115					
American Widgeon		1		9	55	5				
Shoveler		2		3	7	10				1
Redhead				6	10	15				
Ring-necked Duck					31					
Canvasback					22					
Lesser Scaup		10		1		4				
Common Goldeneye		48	6	110	42	8		60		35
Barrow's Goldeneye								1		
Bufflehead				3	1					
Ruddy Duck						2				
Hooded Merganser					5					
Common Merganser		18	57	3	314	8		5		29
Goshawk	1		1			3			1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1					2			1	
Cooper's Hawk	1				4	1				
Red-tailed Hawk	2	2		9	3	7				1
Swainson's Hawk						1				
Rough-legged Hawk	5	2	3	16	1	2	6			
Ferruginous Hawk	1			1						
Golden Eagle		1		5		3	4			3
Bald Eagle		4		1		3				2
Marsh Hawk	10	7	1	15	4	5	1			1
Osprey										1
Prairie Falcon	4			1			1			
Pigeon Hawk				1	1	1				
Sparrow Hawk	3	1	1	11	6	15	1			2
White-tailed Ptarmigan								1		
Bobwhite				2						
Scaled Quail						65				
Ring-necked Pheasant	6	14	5	65	60	13				5
Spanish Red-legged Partridge		1								
American Coot				1	81	10				
Killdeer	3			16	12	22				1
Common Snipe	3	8		13	7	19				5
Herring Gull		8		1	2					
Ring-billed Gull		1	3	19	8					
Mourning Dove	18			18	2					
Screech Owl					1					
Great Horned Owl	2	2	2	2	1	5				
Pygmy Owl					1	2				
Long-eared Owl				6						
Short-eared Owl			1	1						
Belted Kingfisher	2	1	4	8	7	1				5
Red-shafted Flicker	21	16	13	226	74	73	2			7
Lewis' Woodpecker				9		1				3
Hairy Woodpecker	3		1	11	1	8	5		1	1
Downy Woodpecker	3	3	5	24	4	8			3	1
Horned Lark	189	166	1	38	15	283	137			4
Gray Jay									12	
Blue Jay	8	8		33						
Steller's Jay		1	39	74	9	193	7	36	48	

Species	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Scrub Jay					13	110				1
Black-billed Magpie	66	128	112	366	718	580	7	13	19	54
Common Raven		2		2		1	1	4	8	2
Common Crow	2		1	1357	230	68	12			4
Pinon Jay						27				215
Clark's Nutcracker						1	2	4	13	
Black-capped Chickadee	9	7	8	57	73	32	18	3	3	
Mountain Chickadee		6	3	13	24	73	59	22	108	
Common Bushtit						12				
White-breasted Nuthatch				5	1	22	40	4		
Red-breasted Nuthatch						23		1	3	
Pigmy Nuthatch		8			6	62	112	9	26	
Brown Creeper	1	2	3	2	2	3	3	1	1	
Dipper		4	16	2	3	2		11	8	10
Winter Wren					1					
Long-billed Marsh Wren					1					
Canyon Wren		3	4		7		1			
Mockingbird			1							
Robin		35	103	63	52	228		4	44	53
Townsend's Solitaire		2	8	2	25	22	8	10	44	3
Golden-crowned Kinglet						9	5		1	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1							
Water Pipit	1									
Bohemian Waxwing			1				63		8	
Cedar Waxwing		14		35	1	32				
Northern Shrike	6	1	2	6	2	4	1	1	1	
Loggerhead Shrike				2		2				1
Starling	55	37	67	1096	389	382	49			74
House Sparrow	132	235	14	1209	152	454	16			45
Western Meadowlark	29	20	19	368	292	134				19
Redwinged Blackbird	1880			2323	171	144				2
Rusty Blackbird					12	72				
Brewer's Blackbird	110			175	115	20				
Common Grackle				30	1					
Cassin's Finch				4						
House Finch	3	15	1	120	240	172				
Brown-capped Rosy Finch									1	
Rosy Finch (species?)					30					
Pine Siskin		2		50	1	138				
American Goldfinch	148	11	1	49	17	32				1
Green-tailed Towhee				1						
Rufous-sided Towhee				2	2	13				
Rufous-crowned Sparrow						2				
White-winged Junco		3	1	4	56	3	39	2	1	
Slate-colored Junco	16	4	3	25	30	26	6		3	
Oregon Junco	167	52	166	212	300	405	188	2	67	92
Gray-headed Junco		1	1	15	91	218	33	10	35	9
Tree Sparrow	240	19	7	167	158	156	84			
Chipping Sparrow						8				
Harris' Sparrow				4	10					
White-crowned Sparrow	75	1	4	103	38	27				4
Swamp Sparrow					1					
Song Sparrow	17	5	3	35	83	29	1			4
Total species	41	52	45	74	73	76	31	21	25	38
Observers	11	3	2	17	24	30	7	7	10	6
Parties	2	2	1	7	8	13	2	3	4	1
Party hours	15	18	9	55	56	70	26	18	30	9
Date	12/30	12/27	12/24	12/26	12/26	12/27	12/30	12/23	1/2	12/29

WELDONA NOTES
By Howard Rollin

Sept. 20, 1959. - The summer's drought continued through August and into September, with no moisture at all until last week, when some .03 inch accumulated during several days of drizzle or very light, brief showers. The unusual high temperatures continued, as well, into September; several days of 100 degrees were recorded, and 90 degrees was common most of August. The dry weather again favored the birds and they were most successful with their nestings. Migration has so far been quite spotty, but quite a number have been recorded. No water birds and no ducks have been seen as yet. Hawks continue to be on the scarce side, except the Sparrow Hawk, which is very common.

Dec. 31, 1959. - Bird life here in the past month has been as nearly static as it can be. There is almost nothing to report.

Jan. 30, 1960. - The static condition of bird life here has continued through January. No water birds of any kind have been seen. Hawks continue to be generally scarce.

Feb. 29, 1960. - The almost total stagnation of birdlife of December and January continued through February. The weather the past month has been more bitter than in many years. The coldest recorded was -14 degrees the morning of Feb. 28 and the last seven mornings have been below zero. About four inches of snow on ground at this time. Usually by this date migrants of some species of Junco are seen, and the Mountain Bluebird and a stray Robin or two have been recorded. Hawks are still unusually few.

The following notes summarize the data to date (notes compiled Sept. 20, Nov. 19, and Dec. 31, 1959; Jan. 30, and Feb. 29, 1960):

Canada Goose - 12 11/21
Mallard - 12 9/27, 25 11/11
Red-tailed Hawk - 1 8/15, 10/16
Swainson's Hawk - rare
Rough-legged Hawk - very few (Nov.,Dec.,Jan.,Feb.)
Golden Eagle - few
Marsh Hawk - few
Prairie Falcon - 1 8/22, 11/11; more common than usual (12/31); occasional (1/30); 1 2/8.
Pigeon Hawk - 1 10/5
Sparrow Hawk - common (Sept.); occasional (12/31)(1/30); rare (2/29)
Ring-necked Pheasant - few, Sept.; fairly common, Nov.; a few wintering (12/31); a few present almost every location having suitable cover (1/30); very few (2/29)
Sandhill Crane - first 400 10/2, 2-3000 10/5, 1-2000 10/12; flight skimpy here.
Killdeer - few, last 9/29
Sandpiper (species?) - several times (to 9/20)
Franklin's Gull - very scarce here (9/20); 50 plus near Fort Morgan, beet-field 10/23,27.
Gull (large species) - 3 11/17
Mourning Dove - a very successful year; a few remain (9/20); last 9/29.
Barn Owl - a few present (9/20), last date unknown.

Great Horned Owl - a few, but less common than formerly, probably due to food shortage; nesting Jan. 30.
Common Nighthawk - last 8/9
Red-shafted Flicker - present irregularly
Red-headed Woodpecker - 8/9 near Weldona; common there 9/4
Lewis' Woodpecker - 8/9 near Weldona; fairly common there.
Eastern Kingbird - last 9/14
Western Kingbird - last 9/5, until 1 9/26
Say's Phoebe - fairly common; last 9/25
Dusky Flycatcher - 1 9/6
Empidonax (species?) - 2species 8/30; 1 9/26
Horned Lark - common (Sept, Nov, Dec); hundreds in fall wheat fields that have blown; singing 1/13, not again until 1/30; present in usual or greater numbers, Feb.; first flight songs noted 2/12 and once or twice later on some of the rare fair days.
Barn Swallow - last 7/23 until 3 9/15; last 9/28
Blue Jay - common Weldona 8/9; fairly common along S. Platte River, very common at Fort Morgan
Magpie - common, seen almost daily; flock 25-30 present (1/30); fairly common February.
Nuthatch (species?) - 1 9/1
Rock Wren - common, last 10/5
Mockingbird - last 9/7
Brown Thrasher - last 9/19
Sage Thrasher - common; last 10/24
Robin - none to 9/20; common later, last 5 11/13
Hermit Thrush - 1 9/17
Mountain Bluebird - first 2 10/3,4; last 10/24; scarce this fall
Townsend's Solitaire - 1 10/3 only occurrence
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 1 9/7
Northern Shrike - first 10/11 (earliest date in 11 years, previous early date 10/11), next 10/15; more common than usual (Nov,Dec, early Jan) scarce late January; none recently (late February)
Loggerhead Shrike - last 9/18 (9/20 report); last 1 10/28
Starling - none past month (9/20); occasional later; rare Dec,none Jan,Feb.
Orange-crowned Warbler - 1 9/5
Yellow Warbler - first 1 8/30, next 9/1
Myrtle Warbler - first 2 10/25, next 11/11; scarce
Townsend's Warbler - 2 9/12 (3 previous fall records, 9/8,10,23)
MacGillivray's Warbler - 1 8/31
Yellowthroat- 1 9/17,19
Wilson's Warbler 1 9/6-14; fairly common later, last 10/5
House Sparrow - 2 9/20, first here in more than month (rare Dec); 2-3 briefly late January, occasionally in February
Western Meadowlark - common 9/20; singing commonly 9/29; a few remain (Nov.Dec.); fairly common January, mostly in small flocks; fewer Feb.
Yellow-headed Blackbird - occasional; most seen 16 9/15; last 9/26
Red-winged Blackbird - first, 50 10/6,24; frequent later in small numbers
Bullock's Oriole - last 8/9
Brewer's Blackbird - first 3 9/29; numerous10/3; last 2 10/9
Brown-headed Cowbird - last 9/11 , until 1 10/3 (latest date ever recorded here; previous latest, 9/15/58)

Western Tanager - 1 9/15
Black-headed Grosbeak - 1 8/17 (unusual at this time of year)
House Finch - present to 9/20, as many as 12; first time it has remained all summer; occasional later (Nov.)
Pine Siskin - 1 10/22 (rare here)
American Goldfinch - present in small numbers (Nov); seen once,Dec.; 1 1/29
Rufous-sided Towhee - first 1 9/23,24 (last)
Green-tailed Towhee - first 1 10/3,4
Lark Bunting - last 8/30
Vesper Sparrow - first 1 9/2 (same date as 1958), next 9/10, common 9/20, last 10/7
Lark Sparrow - last 8/30
White-winged Junco - first 10/17,18; remaining 11/19
Oregon Junco - first 1 9/12 (very early), next 9/27, remaining irregularly
Tree Sparrow - first 4 10/18; very common this year (Dec.-Feb.); started singing last few days of January; numerous 2/29
Chipping Sparrow - 1 7/25, 8/30 (rare here)
Clay-colored Sparrow - last 10/4
Brewer's Sparrow - last 9/15
Harris' Sparrow - 1 10/31 (very rare here)
White-crowned Sparrow - first, 10 9/26,27; common 10/2; last 10/24
McCown's Longspur - first 40-50 9/20,21; last 9/26 (almost three weeks late; scarce this fall)
Lapland Longspur - first 9/30, next 10/1, common 10/3; a few remaining with Horned Larks, 11/19, 12/31; working northward since 1/8, but unusually few in number; seen most days of February.

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PUBLICATION DATES FOR SUBMITTING BIRD NOTES

The following publication schedule for Colorado Bird Notes has been established, and all contributors are urged to submit manuscripts at least three weeks before the publication date. Moreover, in order to save the time and effort involved in cutting stencils, contributors are asked to submit manuscripts typed single-spaced, in clear black, on white 8½ x 11 paper, so that they can be reproduced photographically.

January 15 - Christmas Count
April 15 - Winter season (Dec. 1 - March 31)
Membership list.
June 1 - Spring Count
June 15 - Spring Migration (April 1-May 31)
Sept. 1 - Summer Season (June 1-Aug. 15)
Dec. 15 - Fall Season (Aug. 16- Nov. 30)

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NEBRASKA FIELD TRIP

The weekend field trip to Nebraska has been changed from April 16-17 to April 23-24 because of the conflict with Easter. We will spend Saturday in the North Platte area with Mrs. M.F. Shickley and other members of the local bird club. Mrs. Shickley has promised to take us to a variety of habitats including Lake Maloney, the diversion dam, sandhills and canyons. In addition to many water birds we can expect some eastern landbirds such as Red-bellied Woodpecker and Cardinal. We plan on spending Sunday in the Ogallala area and will visit the booming grounds of the Greater Prairie Chicken early in the morning. Persons desiring information about this trip should call Dennis Carter (CR 9-2241) or Jean White (WE 6-0606).

FALL MIGRATION - 1959

by Donald M. Thatcher

The fall migration was extremely interesting, with many unusual occurrences. Outstanding was the heavy snowstorm of the last few days of September, which caught many transient summer species and concentrated them in sheltered places. This report covers the "fall" migration from its apparent start in June (for one species) until November 30.

Following are data under four categories: last dates for summer residents, first and last dates and highest counts for transient species, earliest dates for winter resident species, and unusual species or place occurrences. Many of the "transients" and "winter residents" are actually summer residents in some parts of this region, but are considered as transient or wintering in the places or numbers listed; other "transients" may winter here also, in very small numbers. Included in the "unusual" group are several noteworthy, late-received reports of spring observations.

Observers: Philip Alexander, Ona Anderson, Inez Baker, Lawrence & Catherine Bonner, Dennis Carter, Allegra Collister, Ann Condit, Mary Crow, Harry Figge, Irving Greenbaum, Ella & Verna Haubold, Harold Holt, Marjorie Lett, Thompson Marsh, Sadie Morrison, Donald Spencer, Donald Thatcher, Parnell & Jean White, Longmont Bird Club (LBC), and Colorado Bird Club (Club).

Last Fall Dates - Summer Resident Species (including some high counts of migrants)

Western Grebe - 2 11/22 Marston L (Club); 1 11/26 Grand Lake (J&MD)
Double-crested Cormorant - 1 11/24 Sloan's L., Denver (HH)
Snowy Egret - 10 9/2 LaSalle, 10 9/3 Longmont (ACol)
Black-crowned Night Heron - 2 Barr Lake 10/10 (Club)
American Bittern - 1 9/29 Federal Center, Denver (DC)
Blue-winged Teal - 8 10/10 Barr L (Club)
Ruddy Duck - 800 9/26 (DC,DT); 50 10/10 Barr Lake (Club)
Turkey Vulture - 1 10/4 Morrison (DC,IG); 1 11/26 Grand Lake (J&MD)
Swainson's Hawk - 10 9/12 Barr L (Club); 1 9/16 Platteville (ML)
Spotted Sandpiper - 1 10/4 Denver (DC,IG)
American Avocet - 1 10/26 Longmont (IB)
Wilson's Phalarope - 13 10/5 Longmont (IB)
Band-tailed Pigeon - 1 10/17 Morrison (Club)
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 1 8/23 Platteville (ML)
Burrowing Owl - 3 10/11 Platteville (ML)
Common Nighthawk - 1 10/18 Marston L, Denver (Club)
White-throated Swift - 10/4 Red Rocks Park, Morrison (Club)
Broad-tailed Hummingbird - 2 8/21 Platteville (ML),
Red-headed Woodpecker - 1 9/11 Platteville (ML)
Eastern Kingbird - 2 9/19 Weldona (DC)
Western Kingbird - 26 9/2, 3 9/23 Morrison (L&CB)
Cassin's Kingbird - 1 Platteville (ML), 3 Barr L (Club) 9/12
Say's Phoebe - 5 9/23 Morrison (L&CB HH, DC)
Empidonax species - 1 10/3 Golden (P&JW,DC)
Western Wood Pewee - 1 10/21 Morrison (L&CB)
Olive-sided Flycatcher - 1 8/15 Morrison (Club)
Violet-green Swallow - 12 9/2 Morrison (L&CB)
Bank Swallow - 1 9/12 Barr L (Club)
Barn Swallow - 200 9/26 Barr L (DC,DT); many 9/29-10/1 (snow storm) Sloan's Lake, Denver (DT); 11 10/10 Barr L (Club)
House Wren - 1 10/4 Red Rocks Park (Club)

Rock Wren - 5 8/22 Genesee Mtn Park (DC); 3 10/14 Morrison (L&CB)
Mockingbird - 1 11/23 Boulder Co (ACol)
Catbird - 6 9/2 (L&CB); 1 10/4 (DC,IG) Morrison
Brown Thrasher - 1 11/12 Morrison (JW)
Sage Thrasher - 8 10/4 Red Rocks (Club); 1 10/10 Barr Lake (Club)
Loggerhead Shrike - 1 Morrison 10/3 (DC)
Yellow Warbler - 2 9/3 Golden (DC)
Audubon's Warbler - 45 9/26 Barr L (DC,DT); 1 11/7 Longmont (ACol)
Black-throated Gray Warbler - 1 9/7 Great Sand Dunes Nat'l. Mon. (DC)
Yellowthroat - 1 10/4 Denver (DC,IG)
Yellow-breasted Chat - 1 10/3 Longmont (ACol)
Yellow-headed Blackbird - 9/23 Jefferson Co. (HH)
Bullock's Oriole - 1 9/12 Barr L (Club)
Brewer's Blackbird - 50 10/4 Morrison (L&CB)
Common Grackle - 100 9/10 Platteville (ML)
Brown-headed Cowbird - 1 10/10 Barr L (Club)
Black-headed Grosbeak - 1 8/29 Morrison (DC)
Blue Grosbeak - 1 9/13 Golden (Club)
Lazuli Bunting - 5 8/29 Morrison (DC)
Green-tailed Towhee - 7 10/4, 1 10/6 Morrison (DC,IG); 1 10/6 Longmont (ACol)
Rufous-sided Towhee - 20 8/25, 40 9/23, 20 10/3 Red Rocks (DC)
Lark Bunting - changing to winter plumage 8/8 Platteville (ML); transients: 10 8/15 Morrison (Club); last, 1 9/18 Denver (TM)
Grasshopper Sparrow - 1 9/5,6 Platteville (ML)
Lark Sparrow - 1 9/1 Platteville (ML)

Early and Late Dates for Transient Species (with highest counts for some species)

Common Loon - 1 10/17 Johnson Resv., Denver (Club); 2 11/1-6 Sloan's L, Denver (HH); 1 11/3, 2 11/8 Longmont (AC,IB); 2 11/22 Marston L., Denver (Club)
Horned Grebe - 1 10/4 Henry's L, Denver (DC,IG); 1 11/26 Grand Lake (J&MD)
Eared Grebe - 2 9/12 Barr L (Club); many 9/30 Sloan's L. (HH); 3 11/27 Grand Lake (J&MD)
White Pelican - 40 10/25 Empire Resv., Weld Co (ACol); 1 at 3 places, Denver 11/7-12 (MC,HH,P&JW)
Whistling Swan - 6 11/15 Estes Park (J&MD); 1 adult, 1 imm. 11/21 Hoffman L., Boulder Co. (LBC); 1 imm. 11/22 Denver (TM); 1 11/26 Grand Lake (J&MD)
Bufflehead - 1 10/17 (Club), 2 until 11/25 (DC) Federal Center, Denver; 30 11/8 Longmont (IB); unusually numerous this year, Oct & Nov, Longmont, Boulder, Morrison, Denver.
Red-breasted Merganser - 1 female 11/27 Grand Lake (J&MD)
Osprey - 1 9/27 Henry's Lake (Denver) (TM)
Sparrow Hawk - 17 along 15 miles of road 9/13 Platteville (ML)
Sandhill Crane - 400 10/2, 2-3000 10/5, 1-2000 10/12 Weldona (HR); smaller numbers reported, Barr Lake & Platteville, 10/5-10
Semipalmated Plover - 2 8/19 LaSalle (ACol)
American Golden Plover - 1 11/5 Longmont (ACol)
Black-bellied Plover - 10 10/14, 1 11/6 Longmont (ACol,IB)
Solitary Sandpiper - 3 7/25 LaSalle (ACol); 1 9/22 Platteville (ML)
Willet - 7/26 LaSalle (IB); 3 10/15 Denver (P&JW)
Greater Yellowlegs - 2 9/2 Platteville (ML); 8 10/24 Longmont (IB)
Lesser Yellowlegs - 7/13 LaSalle (ML); 25 10/10 Barr L (Club)
Pectoral Sandpiper - 3 7/15 Longmont (ACol); 20 10/10 Barr L (Club)
Baird's Sandpiper - 50 9/12 Barr L (Club); 20 9/26 Barr L (DC,DT)
Least Sandpiper - 1 7/25 LaSalle (ACol); 3 9/20 Mile High Lakes (Brighton) (P&JW)

Long-billed Dowitcher - 1 8/7 La Salle (ML); 62 10/23 (last) Barr Lake (JW,LW)
Stilt Sandpiper - 1 8/25 La Salle (A.Col.)
Semipalmated Sandpiper - 7 8/26 La Salle (A.Col.)
Sanderling - 1 8/19 La Salle (A. Col); 6 10/17 Cherry Creek Dam, Denver (TM); three other reports 9/12 - 26
Northern Phalarope - 4 10/10 Barr Lake (Club)
Franklin's Gull - 500 6/23 Platteville (ML); 20,000 8/17 Marston Lake (DC); 1 11/15 Marston Lake(Club)
Bonaparte's Gull - 6 10/29 Denver (JW); 2 11/11-14 Rocky Mtn. Lake, Denver(SM,PW, JW)
Black Tern - 3 7/13 La Salle(ML); 4 9/12 Barr Lake (Club); 2 9/26 Barr Lake(DC,DT)
Pinon Jay - 50 11/21 Foothills west of Loveland (J&MD)
Brown Creeper - 2 10/19 SEDenver (TM); 6 10/31 in one tree, Denver (P&JW); 1 11/11 Denver (DT)
Hermit Thrush - 2 9/29 Golden (DC); 1 10/5 Boulder Co.(A. Col)
Swainson's Thrush - 1 10/2 Boulder Co. (A. Col)
Western Bluebird - 6 10/25 Longmont (IB)
Mountain Bluebird - 40 10/1 Golden, 2 Morrison 10/17 (DC)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 1 9/26 Barr Lake (DC, DT); 2 10/31 Golden (Club); 1 10/31 Platteville (ML)
Water Pipit - 9/12 Barr Lake (Club); 50 10/31 Longmont (IB)
Solitary Vireo - 1 9/26 singing, Barr Lake (DC,DT); 1 10/4 Golden (P&JW)
Warbling Vireo - 1 9/12 Barr Lake(Club); 1 9/16 Red Rocks (DC)
Orange-crowned Warbler - 1 9/23 Red Rocks(DC); 8 10/4 Morrison (DC,IG); 1 11/25 Morrison (L&CB)
Virginia's Warbler - 3 Golden 8/15(DC); 1 10/1 Longmont (A Col)
Tennessee Warbler - 1 10/4 Morrison(DC,IG)
Nashville Warbler - 1 9/26 Gunnison (ML); 1 10/3 SEDenver (A Con)
Myrtle Warbler - 1 8/29 Platteville(ML); 3 10/24 Longmont(IB)
Townsend's Warbler - 1 9/7 Golden (IG); 1 10/4 Golden (P&JW); 1 10/4 Longmont(IB); seven other reports - unsually numerous.
Northern Waterthrush - 1 10/3,4 Golden (DC,P&JW)
MacGillivray's Warbler - 1 10/3 Golden(DC); 1 10/8 Denver(TM)
Wilson's Warbler - 1 8/22 Genesee Mt. Park(DC); 35 9/29 Golden (DC); 2 10/7 Morrison (L&CB)
American Redstart - 1 9/3 Golden (DC)
Rusty Blackbird - 200 9/16 Platteville (ML)
Western Tanager - 5 8/15 Morrison (Club); 1 10/6 SEDenver(TM)
Evening Grosbeak - 17 8/15 Morrison(Club);1 10/30 SEDenver (A Con)
Cassin's Finch - 8 10/3 Platteville(ML) ; 1 10/4 Red Rocks(Club)
Pine Siskin - 50 10/3 Morrison(DC)
Savannah Sparrow - 1 9/2 Longmont (ACol); 10 9/23 Morrison (L&CB); 1 10/6 Platteville (ML)
Baird's Sparrow - 30 9/23 Morrison(L&CB); 1 10/21 Platteville(ML)
Vesper Sparrow - 20 9/18 Platteville(ML); 55 9/19 Weldona (DC); 1 10/10 Barr (Club)
Chipping Sparrow - 215 9/2 Morrison (L&CB); 350 10/3 Morrison (DC); 1 10/14 Longmont (A Col)
Clay-colored Sparrow - 1 9/22 Denver (TM); 1 10/1 Denver (DT)
Brewer's Sparrow - 1 9/14 Longmont (Last) (A Col); 40 9/23, 15 10/14 Morrison (L&CB)
Lincoln's Sparrow - 2 9/21 Red Rocks(DC); 4 10/3 Golden(DC); 1 10/11 Denver (TM)

First Fall Dates - inter Resident species

Canvasback - 4 9/12 Barr L. (Club).
Ring-necked Duck - 6 10/3 Waterton (Club).
Lesser Scaup - 21 10/14 Morrison (L&CB)
Common Goldeneye - 2 10/27 Jefferson Co. (HH); 2 10/28 Boulder Co. (L&CB).
Hooded Merganser - 2 10/21-24 Longmont (AC,IB); unusually frequent until 11/15, Longmont and Denver.

Common Merganser - 20 (only one male) 10/29 Denver (P&JW).
Goshawk - 1 10/10 Barr Lake (Club)
Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1 9/26 Barr Lake (DC,DT)
Harlan's Hawk - 1 11/14 Sedalia (Club)
Rough-legged Hawk - 1 9/12 Barr L (Club); next, 2 10/10 same
Bald Eagle - 1 11/26 Grand Lake (J&MD)
Peregrine Falcon - 1 9/26 Barr L (DC,DT)
Pigeon Hawk - 1 10/19 Longmont (ACol,IB)
American Coot - 600 8/29 Marston L, Denver (DC)
Common Snipe - 20 10/3 near Wheatridge (Club)
Short-eared Owl - 1 10/20 Longmont (IB)
Pygmy Owl - 1 11/21 Morrison (Club)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (S.v.varius)- female, feeding on frozen apples, NW Denver (DT)
Blue Jay - 4 9/26 SE Denver (Club); 1 11/4 NW Denver (HH)
Mountain Chickadee - 1 10/4 Morrison (DC,IG); 1 10/28 Denver (TM)
Red-breasted Nuthatch - 1 11/14 Denver (TM)
Dipper - 1 10/4 Morrison (Club)
Townsend's Solitaire - 3 9/23 Morrison (L&CB); 2 10/2 SE Denver (TM)
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 2 11/18 Morrison (L&CB)
Cedar Waxwing - 1 9/29 Denver (PA)
Northern Shrike - 10/11 Weldona (HR) (see Weldona Notes), 1 10/17 Morrison (DT)
White-winged Junco - 1 10/17 Morrison (Club); flock 11/6 Longmont (ACol)
Slate-colored Junco - 2 10/7 Denver (TM)
Oregon Junco - 1 9/12 Weldona (HR); next, 1 9/25 Denver (TM)
Gray-headed Junco - 4 10/3 Morrison (DC)
Tree Sparrow - 1 10/13 Longmont (ACol); 6 10/21 Morrison (L&CB)
Harris' Sparrow - 2 10/28 Boulder (L&CB); 3 reports 10/31; 6 11/2-27 Longmont, highest count (ACol); 6 other individuals reported in November (unusually numerous)
White-crowned Sparrow - 1 imm 8/29 Morrison (DC); next reports 9/23: 7 (DC) and 18 (L&CB) vicinity of Morrison
White-throated Sparrow - 1 last week Oct., Wheatridge (DS); 2 11/20&21 Longmont (IB,ACol)

Unusual species, occurrences, or numbers (especially unusual species in capitals)

GREEN HERON - 1 9/12 Platteville (ML)
White-fronted Goose - 1 10/28-30 Lyons (L&CB,P&JW); 1 11/2-7 Longmont (ACol, IB)
Goose, probably hybrid, Canada X White-fronted - first seen 11/30 City Park Denver (HH)
Snow Goose - 5 10/18 Weld Co (L&VH)
Wood Duck - 1 male 11/8 City Park, Denver (P&JW)
BARROW'S GOLDENEYE - 1 11/15 Estes Park (J&MD) (Wintering)
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER - pair 11/10-12 Twin Lakes (8 mi. NW of Denver) (HH); 1 female 11/23,24 S. Platte River, S of Denver (SM,P&JW)
AMERICAN WOODCOCK - 5 late November - Conejos Co (HF)
Mourning Dove - 1 at timberline above Echo Lake 8/30 (DC)
Saw-whet Owl - 1 10/27 (Banded and photographed) Longmont (IB,ACol)
Yellow-shafted Flicker (hybrid?) - 1 10/5 Denver (TM); 1 10/31 Wheatridge (Club); 1 11/11 (Red crescent, no Red-shafted characters apparent) (TM)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1 adult female S.v.varius feeding on frozen apples, 11/22 Denver (DT)
SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER - 1 6/30 3 miles north of Cheyenne, Wyo (HH)
GRAY JAY - 1 11/22 Bowles Lake, Bow Mar (Club)
Scrub Jay - 21 11/11, 22 11/25 Morrison (L&CB); 1 11/15, 22 SE Denver (TM)
Common Raven - 20 plus 8/30 Mt. Evans (DC)

House Wren - 1 8/30 at timberline above Echo Lake (DC)
BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER - 1 male 10/14 Morrison (L&CB)
House Sparrow - approximately 30 during fall at Georgetown (8500') (OA)
ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK - pair 5/25-30 Georgetown (OA)
INDIGO BUNTING - 1 late May Georgetown (OA)
Lazuli Bunting - 1 late May Georgetown (OA)
Indigo Bunting x Lazuli Bunting hybrid - 1 male 5/25 Longmont (ACol)
Red Crossbill - 2 9/20 S of Colorado Springs (DT); 2 10/11 Echo Lake (DC)
GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW - 1 8/30-9/1 Platteville (ML)
Fox Sparrow - 1 10/6-11/30 at feeder Georgetown (OA)

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SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

The Colorado Bird Club is considering promotion of a field course in nature study for youth leaders, in co-operation with the Park Naturalists at Rocky Mountain National Park and the YMCA, which has a large camp adjacent to the Park. All who are interested in this sort of a project, as our contribution to the cause of Conservation, are urged to attend a special meeting at 7 PM, March 22, before the March regular meeting, at the Bird Room of the Denver Museum of Natural History.

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WINTER SEASON, 1959 - 1960

by Donald M. Thatcher

April 14, 1960--Bird activity during the past winter seems generally to have been on the dull side, like that of the winter a year ago, when compared with the several years previous. But, although several observers report the poorest season in years, several species were outstandingly numerous, the many reports being due only partly to the increased numbers of both reporters and scheduled Club field trips.

Following are listed data and remarks on all but the most usual species. Several especially unusual species or localities are capitalized. Included are numerous reports from the Christmas Count and a few from Weldona Notes, reported in the last issue, to complete the winter picture.

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Western Grebe - 1 12/27 Fort Collins (Count) only winter report
Pied-billed Grebe - 2 11/4 Denver (HH); 3 12/27 Colorado Springs (Count); 1 2/12 Denver (JW)
Great Blue Heron - Dec.: Boulder, Longmont, Weldona, Colorado Springs, Durango; Jan.: Boulder, Colorado Springs; Feb.: Waterton, Longmont; March: (arrival, 3/12) Barr Lake.
Whistling Swan - 1 imm. 1/13 Boulder Co. (L&CB)
White-fronted Goose - 1 2/20 Morrison (TM)
Wood Duck - 1 1/8, pair 2/12 Longmont (IB); 1 2/28, 2 3/27 Bow Mar (Club)
BARROW'S GOLDENEYE - 1 or 2 12/23 to 3/11 Estes Park (Count, ACol, IB, DT and Club)
Bufflehead - Dec.: 3 reports, Longmont, Denver, Morrison; Jan.-Feb.: Longmont; migration: 4 3/21 Denver (DG); unusually frequent.
Hooded Merganser - 5 12/26 Denver (Count)
Harlan's Hawk - 1 12/1 Bow Mar (HH); 1 1/23 Loveland (Club)
Swainson's Hawk - 1 12/27 Colorado Springs (Count)
Rough-legged Hawk - unusually numerous, October to March, south to Colorado Springs; highest count, 27 3/6 at Rocky Mt. Arsenal (Derby) (Club); one eating Ferruginous Hawk, presumably found dead, 12/30, Weldona (Count).
Ferruginous Hawk - 1 12/26 Loveland, 1 12/30 Weldona (Count)
Bald Eagle - 5 reports Dec.: Fort Collins (4), Platteville, Loveland, Colorado Springs (3), Durango (2); 4 reports Jan.: (5 at Fort Collins 1/23); 1 3/20 Morrison (Club)
Osprey - 1 12/29 Durango (Count)
Peregrine Falcon - 1 2/12 Denver (IB)
Prairie Falcon - 10 reports Dec. 19 to Jan. 23, Loveland to Black Forest
Pigeon Hawk - 8 reports Dec.-Jan., Denver to Colorado Springs; 2 3/13 Barr Lake (Club)
Virginia Rail - 2 1/24 Golden (P&JW)

Killdeer - 3 12/30 Fort Morgan (Count); 2 1/3 Colorado Springs (Club)
Common Snipe - 6 12/19 (BS); 6 reports 12/26-30 (total 61) Fort Morgan and Fort Collins to Colorado Springs and Durango (Count); next, 15 3/14 Denver (TM)
Ring-billed Gull - usual numbers
Mourning Dove - 4 Dec. reports (39), 3 Jan. (4), 2 Feb., incl. 22 2/21 Denver (DC); first song 3/21 Denver (DT); extremely uncommon since first arrival in city.
PYGMY OWL - 6 reports Boulder to Colorado Springs, 1 at Evergreen 12/20 to 4/1 (unusually frequent)
BURROWING OWL - 1 1/6 Boulder Co. (L&CB)
Short-eared Owl - many reports 11/29 to last (3) 3/24, Fort Collins to Denver; most, 7 2/7 Rocky Mt. Arsenal (Club)
Northern Three-toed Woodpecker - 1 female 12/31 Hidden Valley, Rocky Mt. National Park (TM)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - female 11/22, 1/17, 2/13,18 feeding on frozen apples, once at window feeder, Denver (DT); 1 1/3 Colorado Springs (Club); 1 2/27 Crown Hill Cemetery, Jefferson Co. (Club)
Horned Lark - 1000 at Platteville 3/1-4; scattered by 3/20, mating 3/27 (ML); first flight song 2/12 Weldona (HR)
Blue Jay - 1 12/28 SE Denver (TM); 2 to 4 wintering NW Denver, last seen: 1 4/14 (HH,DT) (unusual at Denver)
Scrub Jay - unusually numerous at Morrison, 17-28 reported 12/2-23 (L&CB); 1 12/4,28 SE Denver (TM)
WHITE-NECKED RAVEN - 1 3/5 Waterton (Club)
Mountain Chickadee - very few on plains, less frequent in mountains than usual; 4 12/6 (DC,IG), 4 2/27 (Club) near Golden; 1 2/8 Denver (TM); last 1 3/25 Longmont (IB)
Red-breasted Nuthatch - 4 wintering at Mount Olivet Cemetery near Golden (DC); 1 2/19,23 SE Denver (TM)
Dipper - 1 1/14,22 and 2/23 near downtown Denver (TM)
COMMON BUSHTIT - 15 12/6 Morrison (DC,IG); 21 1/24 Golden (P&JW); 2 3/20 foothills near Lyons (IG)
WINTER WREN - 1 12/26 Denver (Count)
Long-billed Marsh Wren - scarce; 4 reports (total 7) 12/6 to 1/24 Denver and Golden (DC, P&JW, Count)
Mockingbird - 1 12/27 Fort Collins (Count); 1 1/24 Bow Mar (Club); 1 Dec. to 2/4 Longmont, wintered in old orchard (IB)
Brown Thrasher - 2 wintering in SE Denver (last report 2/23)(JC,RD); 1 2/20-3/25 ESTES PARK (ACol)
Robin - moderately frequent all winter at edge and in foothills, usually feeding on juniper berries; high count 100 1/31 Boulder Co. (Club); first noted in city, Denver 3/6 (DT); Weldona 3/7 (HR); Allenspark (mountains) 3/22 (ACol)
Mountain Bluebird - 2 12/2 Bergen Park (unusual)(HH); flock reported 2/12 Sugar City by Mrs. R. J. Philpy (TM); first migrants Denver vicinity, 2 3/12 Barr Lake(Club)
Townsend's Solitaire - numerous, edge of foothills; high count 34 12/9 Morrison (L&CB); 1 3/14 SE Denver (TM)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 1 12/23 Morrison (JW); 1 12/27 Fort Collins (Count)
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 8 12/16 Morrison (L&CB); 9 12/27 Colorado Springs (Count) 3 3/26 Crown Hill Cemetery (Club)
Water Pipit - 1 12/30 Fort Morgan; 3 2/13, 1 3/12 (Club), 5 3/29 (HH) Barr Lake; 1 2/17 Denver (TM)
Bohemian Waxwing - 1 12/27 Fort Collins, 63 12/13 Black Forest, El Paso Co., 8 1/12 near Idaho Springs (Count)
Cedar Waxwing - 5 12/14 Denver (TM); 4 reports of 1 to 35 (total 82) 12/26,27 Fort Collins to Colorado Springs (Count); 20 1/6 Boulder Co. (L&CB);several 1/24 and 2/12 Crown Hill Cemetery (P&JW); 1 2/4 Longmont (IB); 8 3/5 Boulder (IG); 40 3/6 SE Denver (TM); a flock entire winter in E. Denver (Mrs. Gary); (more numerous than usual)

Northern Shrike - numerous: 34 reports, totaling about 60, Nov.-March, Fort Collins to Colorado Springs, including 1 12/9 eating House Sparrow Platteville (ML) and 1 12/30 carrying House Sparrow in feet, Fort Morgan (Count); more common than usual to mid-January, scarce later at Weldona, prairies (HR);last report to date 1 4/6 Boulder Co. (L&CB)

Loggerhead Shrike - 1 or 2 12/26-29 at Loveland, Colorado Springs, Durango (Count); 1 (arrival ?) 3/20 Lamar (TM)

Red winged Blackbird - generally numerous; 100,000 plus 1/24 and most of winter at Rocky Mt. Arsenal (MR,LW); 2 females in flock of 200 2/11, hundreds of both sexes by 3/20, Platteville (ML)

RUSTY BLACKBIRD - unusually frequent; 12 12/26 Denver, 72 12/27 Colorado Springs (Count); 16 1/1 Lyons (ACol)

Brewer's Blackbird - numerous; 50 males, 5 females 12/6 SE Denver (TM); 420 total, 12/26-30 Longmont, Denver, Colorado Springs, Weldona (Count); 7 other reports of 1 to 60 (total 99) 12/19 through March.

Common Grackle - 30 Loveland, 1 Denver 12/26 (Count)

Evening Grosbeak - 3 3/5 Boulder (IG) first report of winter

Cassins Finch - 4 12/9 Morrison (L&CB); 4 12/26 Loveland (Count); 6 4/2 Genesee Mt. Park (DC,DT)

Rosy Finches - flock 30 (species?) 12/26 Red Rocks (Count); 1 Brown-capped 1/2 Idaho Springs (Count); flock 100 Gray-crowned and Brown-capped 3/19 near Allenspark (IB); 5 (incl. 1 Black) 3/3 near Federal Center (Denver)(CH); none reported at Georgetown.

Common Redpoll - 1 3/12 Barr Lake (Club)

Pine Siskin - scarce; most reports of only one or two; only one for Denver (Jefferson Co.) Count, 12/27

Green-tailed Towhee - 1 12/26 Longmont (Count)

RUFOUS-CROWNED SPARROW - 2 12/27 Colorado Springs (Count)

Chipping Sparrow - 8 12/27 Colorado Springs (Count)

Tree Sparrow - very common, Weldona (see Weldona Notes)(HR); seemed less numerous than usual at Denver, after January.

Swamp Sparrow - 1 12/26 Denver (Count)

McCown's Longspur - 1 1/10 Barr Lake (P&JW)

Lapland Longspur - northward migration started 1/8 Weldona (HR)(see Weldona Notes); 12 1/9 Barr Lake (Club); 1 1/10 Barr Lake (P&JW); 1 1/24 Rocky Mt. Arsenal (MR, LW); 75 1/24 Briggsdale area, Weld Co. (Club)

HARRIS' SPARROW - unusually numerous; about 20 reports of 1 to 5, 11/2 to 3/23, Longmont to Littleton, including 6 at Longmont 11/2-27 (ACol), 10 12/26 at Denver (4 localities)(Count) and 5 together at Littleton 1/11 (JW)

White-throated Sparrow - 1 1/16 and 2/20 Morrison (Club); 2 wintering at Longmont (MT)

Following is a list of first arrival dates for spring migrants, to date. Please send in any earlier dates for these, as well as arrival, major migration, and last dates for all species. These will be summarized with localities and observers in the Spring Migration Report in the June 15 issue. Horned Grebe, 3/14; Eared Grebe, 3/24; Western Grebe, 4/9; Double-crested Cormorant, 4/9; Great Blue Heron (in numbers) 3/23; Blue-winged Teal, 4/6; Cinnamon Teal, 3/29; Redhead, 3/11; Ring-necked Duck, 4/9; Red-breasted Merganser, 3/27; Turkey Vulture, 4/10; Swainson's Hawk, 4/9; Osprey, 4/13; Common Snipe, 3/14; Greater Yellowlegs, 3/29; Lesser Yellowlegs, 4/11; Solitary Sandpiper, 4/9; Long-billed Curlew, 4/11; American Avocet, 3/29; Franklin's Gull, 4/12; Forster's Tern, 4/11; Band-tailed Pigeon, 3/12; Burrowing Owl, 4/12; White-throated Swift, 4/10; Williamson's Sapsucker, 4/10; Say's Phoebe, 3/26; Violet-green Swallow, 4/10; Rough-winged Swallow, 4/10; Barn Swallow, 4/9; Sage Thrasher, 4/9; Mountain Bluebird (Denver area), 3/12; Western Bluebird, 4/13; Yellow-headed Blackbird, 4/8; Brewer's Blackbird, 3/18; Common Grackle, 4/12; Brown-headed Cowbird, 3/27; Chipping Sparrow, 4/14.

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Error. March 15 CBN, page 11: 10/3 date for Common Snipe should be 10/31.

WELDONA NOTES

by Howard Rollin

March 31, 1960 - Bird activity increased during the past two weeks and several migrants that usually do not show up until about April 1 have arrived. However, this is the slowest migration season recorded in the last 22 years.

The data below bring the bird records up to date. No water birds have been seen except 50-75 large, unidentified gulls, probably Ring-billed. Hawks are still scarcer than usual.

Golden Eagle - rare
Prairie Falcon - 1 3/10,20
Ring-necked Pheasant - a few about
Killdeer - none
Mourning Dove - none
Great Horned Owl - rare
Say's Phoebe - first 1 3/26, earliest date in 22 years; remaining
Horned Lark - flight songs common
Common Crow - 1 3/12, 4 3/27
Black-billed Magpie - busy at nests
Robin - first migrant, 1 3/7,8; seen occasionally
Mountain Bluebird - first 1 3/21, 23; about 6 to date
Northern Shrike - 1 3/27, the first since 2/2
Starling and House Sparrow - a few come to the buildings occasionally, but do not stay.
Western Meadowlark - common, singing
Redwinged Blackbird - first 1 3/20,21; 20 females 3/30
Brown-headed Cowbird - first 1 3/27,28 (earliest in 22 years); previous early date; 4/1/59.
House Finch - first 1 3/31
White-winged Junco - first 1 3/31
Slate-colored Junco - first 1 3/26,27
Oregon Junco - first, 2 3/24,27; a very few since
Tree Sparrow - probable last, 3/27
White-crowned Sparrow - first, 2 3/30,31
Lapland Longspur - rare all winter; a few going north 3/5,12/19; many 3/20,21; probable last 3/26.

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BIRDING IN THE BOULDER-NIWOT AREA

by Gwendolyn Smith

Many people are amazed when told of the many species of birds that can be found in the vicinity of Boulder and Niwot. The area around Boulder has much open country, dotted by farms, ranches, and small home sites. There are many streams, ponds, and small lakes, and although there are no forests, like those in the East, for instance, there are small wood-lots and ravines. Add to these the cornfields and prairie areas, and you have quite a variety of habitats for bird life.

This past fall and winter we have tried to cover the same area each Saturday morning. It has been our experience that wind or excessive cold are not conducive to finding many birds, but cloudy or clear days with little wind are good for birding. If one does not find some rain or snow, he might find more birds than on the usual drier and sunnier days.

Some most interesting birds have been the birds of prey. In early fall we had the thrill of seeing forty Marsh Hawks in one place, catching grasshoppers in the

high dry farming country. They were spaced evenly apart, scarcely flying, but running after luckless grasshoppers. With these fine hawks were thousands of Franklin's Gulls, soaring overhead or resting in the same spot we found our first Burrowing Owls, four of them, bowing and calling to each other. Some other birds found in this area are the Long-eared Owls that we have seen each week in juniper trees. Usually a smaller owl has been in the same tree, while three larger ones have been found on nearly every trip. A Prairie Falcon was seen close by, in one of our favorite haunts near a small cemetery; this bird stayed around for almost half an hour and we enjoyed its wonderful flight and form. Many other hawks have been seen, the Rough-legged being very common, as well as the Red-tailed and Sparrow Hawks. Near the Valmont brick works, north of Boulder, we saw our first Great Horned Owl since coming to Colorado.

Among the water birds we found Eared Grebe, Ruddy Duck, and Whistling Swan. Of course there are many other ducks and water birds, including the Avocet, which is one of our favorites. We were happy to find near Boulder our first Colorado Blue Jay, which reminded us of our experiences in the East not a year and a half ago. This winter, shrikes are common and both species have been seen. Juncos seem to be scarce, and we have seen only the Oregon at our feeder. Of the woodpeckers, we have noticed more Lewis's and Flickers than during last fall and winter. Robins occur in our Long-eared Owl territory and also in the White-crowned Sparrow "haunt". Here, also, we found our first Harris' Sparrow and a lovely Rufous-sided Towhee. At the same place we heard two Bobwhites calling. Western Meadowlarks, Magpies, Redwinged Blackbirds, Black-capped Chickadees, House Finches and Song Sparrows have not been overlooked. All-in-all, this fall and winter have been rich in birding experiences.

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1960 SPRING COUNT, MAY 21

This year's Spring Count for Colorado has been scheduled for Saturday, May 21. All members and friends are urged to cover their favorite birding areas, or to call John Chapin for assignment to an area. Accurate counts are desired, although not necessary, but rough estimates, at least, of numbers seen (or heard) of the commoner and not always counted species will be appreciated. Results should be sent to John Chapin, 2441 South Dahlia Lane, Denver 22, as soon as possible, so that the Count summary can be published in the June 1 COLORADO BIRD NOTES.

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APRIL MEETING

At the April regular meeting, John Chapin will talk on the evolutionary development of birds and Thompson Marsh will explain his method of keeping bird records. There will be a "primary election" to choose candidates for election at the May meeting. Eight PM, Tuesday, April 26, at the Bird Room, Denver Museum of Natural History.

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RIVOLI'S HUMMINGBIRD IN COLORADO

Mrs. Gail Shickley

Over a ten-year period of feeding the hummingbirds at our mountain cabin near Eldora, Colorado, the feeders have been visited by all of the four species (Broadtailed, Selasphorus platycercus; Rufous, Selasphorus rufus; Black-chinned, Archilochus alexandri; and Calliope, Stellula calliope) which one would normally expect to see in Colorado. Thus, it was with surprise that at dusk on July 10, 1959, Mr. Shickley and I saw the silhouette of a hummer larger than any of these species at a feeder. It also had a different shape and posture than the hummers we had seen before, but it was too dark for us to observe color or markings at that time. When we did not see it again during the next two days, we were almost beginning to doubt we had seen such a bird. But early on the morning of July 13, a large female hummer hovered outside the window not more than three to four feet away from me so that I could clearly discern the size, shape, relatively slow wing beat, and conspicuous white marks back of the eyes and on the tip of the tail feathers. It was evident that the bird was a female of either the Rivoli's (Eugenes fulgens) or Blue-throated (Lampornis clemenciae) species, and, since the location was so far from the normal range of either, I wrote a letter to the Denver Museum of Natural History to report its presence.

On the morning of July 19, Dr. Alfred M. Bailey, Director of the Museum, came to the cabin and succeeded

in taking several pictures of the bird. He had seen a male Rivoli's hummingbird near Walden, Colorado, about ten years before, and suspected this individual was a female of that species. Later, comparison of Dr. Bailey's pictures with skins proved this to be true and definitely established the presence of the Rivoli's hummingbird in Colorado.

The bird continued coming to our feeders until July 24. It did not feed frequently, as do the other hummers, but we could usually count on seeing it in the early morning and evening hours. On windy days, it fed more often, and usually it fed a few times during or immediately following a rain. We saw it the last time July 24, at about 5 a.m.

We expected this to be the end of our experience with a Rivoli's hummer, but on the morning of August 10, a neighbor reported having had an unusually large hummingbird with a bright green throat at her feeders. Although I did not succeed in seeing that bird, her description was so accurate that I have little doubt she saw a male Rivoli's hummer. It returned to her yard again that evening, but made no further appearances.

On August 13, another of the large hummers returned to our feeders. While it had the same color and markings as the earlier Rivoli's, we did not think it could be the same bird, for it seemed to lack the elegant posture and mature appearance of the first bird. We thought it more likely that this one was an immature. Dr. Bailey took many fine pictures of this bird, and from these pictures it, too, was definitely identified as a Rivoli's.

The second Rivoli's remained in the area until September 15. During that time it fed regularly at our feeders and at a neighbor's about one-half mile away. We made inquiries from other people who feed hummers in the valley, but could not learn of its having fed anywhere else.

The male Rivoli's, which Dr. Bailey observed near Walden, was not seen again during the following years. We are being optimistic enough to hope that these birds will return to our feeders next summer, and perhaps even breed in that area.

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FEEDING HUMMINGBIRDS

Donald M. Thatcher

The above report on the Rivoli's Hummingbird should encourage others to try to attract hummingbirds by artificial feeding. These birds are most numerous in Colorado in the coniferous forests of the mountains, but a few occur on the plains in suitable places such as city flower gardens.

Feeding is accomplished by means of a glass vial, filled with sweetened liquid and colored or decorated to resemble a flower, preferably red. Such feeders can be made at home or purchased. Some recent advertisers include:

Hummingbird Heaven, Dept. A, 6818 Apperson St., Tujunga, Calif. ($2.95 plus .18 postage. No c.o.d.s).
Winthrop Packard, Plymouth 3, Mass. (3 feeders for $1.50, postpaid).
Dinah Dee, P.O.Box 6734, Dept. A9, San Antonio 9, Texas. ($1.95 for 1; $3.75 for 2; each additional, $1.50, postpaid. No c.o.d.s).

While sugar syrup is readily taken, it has been found that plain sugar is harmful to the birds, as it contains none of the protein and minerals necessary for a balanced diet, and may damage the liver. Honey, however, diluted to the consistency of nectar is normal food for them. Birds fed on sugar are said to be weak and listless, and young birds have died after consuming too much plain sugar, apparently of malnutrition. A mixture of one part honey to three of water is recommended. The water should be boiled to retard fermentation.

The following reading is recommended for those interested in attracting hummingbirds:

HUMMINGBIRDS IN ACTION by Harold E. Edgerton, National Geographic, 92:2, (August 1947).
FEEDING RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRDS by Cass Payne, Audubon Magazine, 57:4 (July-August 1955).
TOO SWEET FOR HUMMERS? (Letter and comment), Audubon Magazine 57:5 (September-October 1955).

FEEDING HUMMINGBIRDS: SUGAR WATER vs HONEY WATER by Erwin M. Brown, Audubon Magazine 61:6 (November-December 1959).

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Leader

	5/28	5/29
Common Loon		
Yellow-billed Loon *		
Arctic Loon *		
Red-throated Loon *		
Red-necked Grebe *		
Horned Grebe		
Eared Grebe		
Western Grebe	24	
Pied-billed Grebe	1	
White Pelican		
Brown Pelican *		
Double-crested Cormorant	20	
Olivaceous Cormorant *		
Anhinga *		
Great Blue Heron	30	
Green Heron		
Little Blue Heron		
Reddish Egret *		
Common Egret		
Snowy Egret		
Louisiana Heron *		
Black-crowned Night Heron	1	
Yellow-crowned Night Heron		
Least Bittern		
American Bittern	1	
Wood Ibis *		
Glossy Ibis *		
White-faced Ibis		
White Ibis *		
Roseate Spoonbill *		
Whistling Swan		
Trumpeter Swan *		
Canada Goose		
White-fronted Goose		
Snow Goose		
Blue Goose *		
Ross' Goose		
Mallard	3	
Mexican Duck *		
Black Duck *		
Mottled Duck *		
Gadwall		
Pintail		
Green-winged Teal		
Blue-winged Teal	18	
Cinnamon Teal		
American Widgeon		
Shoveler	12	
Wood Duck		
Redhead	4	
Ring-necked Duck		
Canvasback		
Greater Scaup		
Lesser Scaup		
Common Goldeneye		
Barrow's Goldeneye		
Bufflehead		
Oldsquaw		
Harlequin Duck		
Common Eider *		
White-winged Scoter		
Surf Scoter		
Common Scoter		
Ruddy Duck		
Hooded Merganser		
Common Merganser		
Red-breasted Merganser		
Turkey Vulture		
Black Vulture *		
Swallow-tailed Kite *		
Mississippi Kite *		
Goshawk		
Sharp-shinned Hawk		
Cooper's Hawk		
Red-tailed Hawk		
Harlan's Hawk		
Red-shouldered Hawk		
Broad-winged Hawk		
Swainson's Hawk		
Rough-legged Hawk		
Ferruginous Hawk		
Golden Eagle		
Bald Eagle		
Marsh Hawk	1	
Osprey		
Caracara *		
Gyrfalcon *		
Prairie Falcon		
Peregrine Falcon		
Pigeon Hawk		
Sparrow Hawk	3	
Blue Grouse		
Spruce Grouse *		
Ruffed Grouse *		
White-tailed Ptarmigan		
Greater Prairie Chicken		
Lesser Prairie Chicken		
Sharp-tailed Grouse		
Sage Grouse		
Bobwhite	7	
Scaled Quail		
California Quail		
Gambel's Quail		
Ring-necked Pheasant	3	
Chukar		
Gray Partridge		
Spanish Red-legged Partridge		
Turkey		
Whooping Crane *		
Sandhill Crane		
Virginia Rail		
Sora	1	
Yellow Rail *		
Black Rail *		
Purple Gallinule *		
Common Gallinule *		
American Coot	6	
Semipalmated Plover		
Piping Plover *		
Snowy Plover *		
Killdeer	10	
Mountain Plover		
American Golden Plover		
Black-bellied Plover		
Ruddy Turnstone		
American Woodcock *		
Common Snipe		
Long-billed Curlew		
Whimbrel		
Upland Plover		
Spotted Sandpiper		
Solitary Sandpiper		
Willet		
Greater Yellowlegs		
Lesser Yellowlegs		
Knot		
Pectoral Sandpiper		
White-rumped Sandpiper		
Baird's Sandpiper		
Least Sandpiper		
Dunlin		
Short-billed Dowitcher *		
Long-billed Dowitcher		
Stilt Sandpiper		
Semipalmated Sandpiper	2	
Western Sandpiper	5	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper *		
Marbled Godwit		
Hudsonian Godwit *		
Sanderling		
American Avocet	15	
Black-necked Stilt		
Red Phalarope *		
Wilson's Phalarope	12	
Northern Phalarope		
Pomarine Jaeger *		
Parasitic Jaeger		
Long-tailed Jaeger *		
Glaucous Gull *		
Iceland Gull *		
Glaucous-winged Gull *		
Western Gull *		
Herring Gull		
California Gull		
Ring-billed Gull	20	
Laughing Gull *		
Franklin's Gull		
Bonaparte's Gull		
Ivory Gull *		
Black-legged Kittiwake *		
Sabine's Gull		
Forster's Tern	2	
Common Tern *		
Arctic Tern *		
Least Tern *		
Black Tern	5	
Ancient Murrelet *		
Band-tailed Pigeon		
Rock Dove		
White-winged Dove *		
Mourning Dove	MANY	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1	
Black-billed Cuckoo		
Roadrunner		
Barn Owl		
Screech Owl		
Flammulated Owl		
Great Horned Owl	1	
Snowy Owl		
Pygmy Owl		
Burrowing Owl	2	
Barred Owl *		
Spotted Owl		
Long-eared Owl		
Short-eared Owl		
Boreal Owl		
Saw-whet Owl		
Whip-poor-will *		
Poor-Will		
Common Nighthawk		
Lesser Nighthawk *		
Black Swift		
Chimney Swift		
White-throated Swift		
Black-chinned Hummingbird		
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	1	
Rufous Hummingbird		
Calliope Hummingbird		
Rivoli's Hummingbird *		
Belted Kingfisher		
Yellow-shafted Flicker		
Red-shafted Flicker	11	
Red-bellied Woodpecker		
Red-headed Woodpecker	6	
Lewis' Woodpecker		
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		
Williamson's Sapsucker		
Hairy Woodpecker		
Downy Woodpecker		
Ladder-backed Woodpecker		
Northern Three-toed Woodpecker		
Eastern Kingbird	9	
Western Kingbird	MANY	
Cassin's Kingbird		
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher		
Great Crested Flycatcher		
Ash-throated Flycatcher		
Olivaceous Flycatcher		
Eastern Phoebe		
Say's Phoebe		
Traill's Flycatcher		
Least Flycatcher		
Hammond's Flycatcher		
Dusky Flycatcher		
Gray Flycatcher		
Western Flycatcher		
Eastern Wood Pewee		
Western Wood Pewee	11	
Olive-sided Flycatcher		
Vermilion Flycatcher *		
Horned Lark		
Violet-green Swallow		
Tree Swallow		
Bank Swallow		
Rough-winged Swallow	3	
Barn Swallow	20	
Cliff Swallow		
Purple Martin		
Gray Jay		
Blue Jay	1	
Steller's Jay		
Scrub Jay		
Black-billed Magpie	MANY	
Common Raven		
White-necked Raven		
Common Crow	1	
Pinon Jay		
Clark's Nutcracker		
Black-capped Chickadee	1	
Mountain Chickadee		
Plain Titmouse		
Common Bushtit		
White-breasted Nuthatch		
Red-breasted Nuthatch		
Pigmy Nuthatch		
Brown Creeper		
Dipper		
House Wren	20	
Winter Wren		
Bewick's Wren		
Carolina Wren		
Long-billed Marsh Wren		
Short-billed Marsh Wren		
Canon Wren		
Rock Wren	1	
Mockingbird	1	
Catbird		
Brown Thrasher	5	
Long-billed Thrasher *		
Bendire's Thrasher *		
Sage Thrasher		
Robin	6	
Varied Thrush *		
Wood Thrush *		
Hermit Thrush		
Swainson's Thrush	6	
Gray-cheeked Thrush *		
Veery		
Eastern Bluebird		
Western Bluebird		
Mountain Bluebird		
Wheatear *		
Townsend's Solitaire		
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		
Golden-crowned Kinglet		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		
Water Pipit		
Bohemian Waxwing		
Cedar Waxwing		
Northern Shrike		
Loggerhead Shrike		
Starling	MANY	
Bell's Vireo		
Gray Vireo *		
Yellow-throated Vireo *		
Solitary Vireo		
Red-eyed Vireo	1	
Philadelphia Vireo *		
Warbling Vireo	3	
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Prothonotary Warbler *		
Swainson's Warbler *		
Golden-winged Warbler *		
Tennessee Warbler		
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Magnolia Warbler		
Cape May Warbler *		
Black-throated Blue Warbler		
Myrtle Warbler		
Audubon's Warbler		
Black-throated Gray Warbler		
Townsend's Warbler		
Black-throated Green Warbler *		
Cerulean Warbler *		
Blackburnian Warbler *		
Yellow-throated Warbler *		
Grace's Warbler		
Chestnut-sided Warbler		
Bay-breasted Warbler *		
Blackpoll Warbler		
Palm Warbler *		
Ovenbird		
Northern Waterthrush		
Connecticut Warbler *		
MacGillivray's Warbler		
Yellowthroat	2	
Yellow-breasted Chat		
Hooded Warbler *		
Wilson's Warbler		
Canada Warbler		
American Redstart		
House Sparrow	MANY	
Bobolink		
Eastern Meadowlark		
Western Meadowlark	MANY	
Yellow-headed Blackbird	24	
Redwinged Blackbird	MANY	
Orchard Oriole		
Baltimore Oriole		
Bullock's Oriole	12	
Rusty Blackbird		
Brewer's Blackbird		
Common Grackle	1	
Brown-headed Cowbird		
Western Tanager		
Scarlet Tanager		
Hepatic Tanager *		
Summer Tanager *		
Cardinal		
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		
Black-headed Grosbeak		
Blue Grosbeak		
Indigo Bunting		
Lazuli Bunting	1	
Painted Bunting *		
Dickcissel		
Evening Grosbeak		
Purple Finch *		
Cassin's Finch		
House Finch	5	
Pine Grosbeak		
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch		
Black Rosy Finch		
Brown-capped Rosy Finch		
Common Redpoll		
Pine Siskin		
American Goldfinch	2	
Lesser Goldfinch		
Red Crossbill		
White-winged Crossbill		
Green-tailed Towhee		
Rufous-sided Towhee		
Brown Towhee		
Lark Bunting		
Savannah Sparrow	2	
Grasshopper Sparrow		
Baird's Sparrow		
Le Conte's Sparrow *		
Sharp-tailed Sparrow *		
Vesper Sparrow	1	
Lark Sparrow	15	
Rufous-crowned Sparrow		
Cassin's Sparrow		
Black-throated Sparrow		
Sage Sparrow		
White-winged Junco		
Slate-colored Junco		
Oregon Junco		
Gray-headed Junco		
Tree Sparrow		
Chipping Sparrow	2	
Clay-colored Sparrow		
Brewer's Sparrow		
Field Sparrow		
Harris' Sparrow		
White-crowned Sparrow		
Golden-crowned Sparrow *		
White-throated Sparrow		
Fox Sparrow		
Lincoln's Sparrow		
Swamp Sparrow		
Song Sparrow	2	
McCown's Longspur		
Lapland Longspur		
Chestnut-collared Longspur		
Snow Bunting		

Total species, 421.
* Extremely unusual, very few records. If observed, write details on back of sheet.

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THE AVOCET REPORTED LAST WEEK WAS FOUND TO BE STAINED BY OIL

* 1, 5/30, Marsh, FR7-5380

State wide Spring Bird Count May 21, 1960

May Count 1955-1959	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX
Common Loon									
Horned Grebe							1		
Eared Grebe	2			7			14	3	
Western Grebe					100+		73		
Pied-billed Grebe	1			2		1	34	4	
White Pelican	8				20				
Double -c. Cormorant	2			9	25		4		
Great Blue Heron	1			5	6		15	5	
Green Heron									
Common Egret	1								
Snowy Egret				3				1	
Black-c. Night Heron	2			6	2		3		
American Bittern	2			2	1				
White-faced Ibis							1	3	
Candda Goose						13			
Snow Goose									
Mallard	59			79	8	10	113	20	
Gadwall	60			24	2		91	6	
Pintail	22			45			7	15	
Green-winged Teal	9						17		
Blue-winged Teal	24			67	5	5	51	15	
Cinnamon Teal				13	1		23	5	
American Widgeon	79			4	2		2		
Shoveler	68			29	4		52	20	
Redhead	23			14	2		23	6	
Ring-necked Duck	2								
Canvasback	1								
Lesser Scaup	8			8			8	3	
Common Goldeneye									
Bufflehead							1		
Ruddy Duck	25			20			61	3	
Hooded Merganser									
Common Merganser								2	
Red-breasted Merganser									
Turkey Vulture			1				2		
Goshawk									
Sharp-shinned Hawk									
Cooper's Hawk	1						1		
Red-tailed Hawk				3		1	2	1	
Swainson's Hawk	2			3			2		
Ferruginous Hawk									
Golden Eagle		1					2		
Bald Eagle									
Marsh Hawk	3			11	1				
Osprey									
Prairie Falcon									
Peregrine Falcon								1	
Pigeon Hawk									
Sparrow Hawk	6	4	1	10	9	5	43	12	
Bobwhite	2			2	1				
Scaled Quail									
California Quail									
Gambel's Quail									
Ring-n. Pheasant	13	1		20	14	11	50	3	

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX
Virginia Rail								1	
Sora					1				
American Coot	66			54	11	3	81	20	
Piping Plover									
Killdeer	7		4	6	11	2	52	4	
American Golden Plover									
Black-bellied Plover									
Ruddy Turnstone									
Common Snipe							1	3	
Long-billed Curlew									
Upland Plover									
Spotted Sandpiper	8		4	8	5	1	8	3	
Solitary Sandpiper									
Willet	1			1					
Greater Yellowlegs				1			2		
Lesser Yellowlegs	3								
Knot									
Pectoral Sandpiper									
White-rumped Sandpiper									
Baird's Sandpiper	4								
Least Sandpiper	15								
Long-b. Dowitcher	10			12					
Stilt Sandpiper									
Semipalmated Sand.	5								
Western Sandpiper									
Marbled Godwit				1					
Sanderling									
American Avocet	7			45	16		55	6	
Black-necked Stilt									
Wilson's Phalarope	10			155	23		39	25	
Northern Phalarope				25			60		
Herring Gull									
California Gull							3		
Ring-billed Gull	3			15	7		50	12	
Franklin's Gull					2				
Bonaparte's Gull									
Forster's Tern	1			3			8	1	
Black Tern	26			43			37	8	
Band-tailed Pigeon									
Mourning Dove	52	5	6	50	100	39	503	12	
Yellow-b. Cuckoo							2		
Roadrunner									
Barn Owl									
Screech Owl	1						1		
Great Horned Owl	3			3			2	2	
Burrowing Owl	1				1		6		
Long-eared Owl	1			5					
Short-eared Owl							1		
Saw-whet Owl									
Whip-poor-will									
Poor-will				1			1		
Common Nighthawk	4								
Chimney Swift									
White-throated Swift		6					21		

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX
Broad-t. Hummingbird		4	5				3		1
Belted Kingfisher							1		
Yellow-s. Flicker	4						3		2
Red-shafted Flicker		1		8	13	1	44	12	
Red-headed Woodpecker	14				2		9	1	
Lewis' Woodpecker		1					19		
Yellow-b. Sapsucker									
Williamson's Sapsucker									
Hairy Woodpecker		1					2	1	
Downy Woodpecker	1		1	3	1		2		1
N. Three-t. Woodpecker									
Eastern Kingbird	26			31	14	2	36	3	
Western Kingbird	34			22	148		31	2	
Cassin's Kingbird									
Scissor-t. Flycatcher									
Gt. Crested Flycatcher									
Ash-throated Flycatcher									
Eastern Phoebe									
Say's Phoebe		1		1			2		2
Least Flycatcher									
Western Flycatcher		3							
Gray Flycatcher									
Western Wood Pewee	2		1	2			14		2
Olive-s. Flycatcher									
Horned Lark	10			3	19		1		
Violetgreen Swallow		20	8			15	105		60
Tree Swallow							150		
Bank Swallow							119	4	
Rough-winged Swallow	7		2	2	16		21		
Barn Swallow	11	2	13	10	71	20	140	10	
Cliff Swallow	25			2	32	31	725	50	16
Purple Martin									
Gray Jay							3		
Blue Jay	25				5		3		
Steller's Jay		1	2			1	9	4	4
Scrub Jay		2	1						
Black-billed Magpie	2	5	20	43	33	25	255	6	
Common Raven		4					7		
White-necked Raven									
Common Crow	6	3	5			2	27	2	6
Pinon Jay									
Clark's Nutcracker		2					9		1
Black-capped Chickadee	2	4	1	3	4	1	13	3	
Mountain Chickadee		5	2				3		
Plain Titmouse									
Common Bushtit									
White-b. Nuthatch						1			
Red-breasted Nuthatch		1	1						
Pigmy Nuthatch		4					5	1	
Brown Creeper									
Dipper							4		
House Wren	11	2	4	12	12	1	19	1	
Winter Wren				1					
Long-b. Marsh Wren									

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX
Canon Wren		2			1				
Rock Wren				1			1		
Mockingbird	3			1	5				
Catbird	2	1	5	1			3		
Brown Thrasher	30				5	1			
Sage Thrasher									
Robin	3	10	12	76	23	17	160	15	11
Wood Thrush	1								
Hermit Thrush				3	1		4		
Swainson's Thrush	20		3	41			11	2	1
Veery									1
Eastern Bluebird									
Western Bluebird		1				2			6
Mountain Bluebird							4		
Townsend's Solitaire		1				3	3		
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1								
Golden-c. Kinglet		2							
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1					5		18
Water Pipit		17							
Cedar Waxwing							6		
Northern Shrike									
Loggerhead Shrike							1		
Starling	8	7	16	23	X	14	395	15	
Bell's Vireo	2								
Solitary Vireo		2					1		
Red-eyed Vireo	1						1		
Philadelphia Vireo									
Warbling Vireo	5				4		1		
Black-and-white Warb.				1					
Tennessee Warbler									
Orange-crnd. Warbler						2			
Nashville Warbler									
Virginia's Warbler		8	4					6	
Parula Warbler									
Yellow Warbler	20	3	7	4	16	15	83	12	5
Magnolia Warbler									
Black-thtd. Gray Warb.									
Myrtle Warbler	1	1					1		
Audubon's Warbler	1	11		3			8	5	2
Grace's Warbler									
Chestnut-sd. Warbler									
Blackpoll Warbler	1								
Palm Warbler									
Ovenbird	1								
Northern Waterthrush									
Macgillivray's Warb.	1						1		
Yellowthroat	11			4	8	1	50	3	
Yellow-breasted Chat		7					5		
Wilson's Warbler						2		1	
American Redstart	5	1		1					
House Sparrow	10			26	X	6	210	12	
Bobolink	9					1			
Western Meadowlark	41	11	20	62	107	70	385	15	
Yellow-hd. Blackbird				80	60	15	475	20	

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX
Redwinged Blackbird	45		17	190	X	75	668	30	14
Orchard Oriole	20								
Baltimore Oriole	2								
Bullock's Oriole	1			14	27	3	42	3	
Rusty Blackbird									
Brewer's Blackbird		11	23	3		50	54	4	6
Common Grackle	14			6	17	5	147	6	
Brown-headed Cowbird	8	2			7	12	30		
Western Tanager		3		1			23	3	
Scarlet Tanager									
Cardinal									
Rose-breasted Grosbeak									
Black-headed Grosbeak	1						12	4	
Blue Grosbeak	2						2		
Indigo Bunting	1								
Lazuli Bunting	3	8	15	2	2	3	38	1	
Dickcissel	20				1		1		
Evening Grosbeak									
Cassin's Finch		2					2		17
House Finch		3		2	28		57	6	
Pine Grosbeak									
Brown-c. Rosy Finch									
Pine Siskin		6					12		15
American Goldfinch	8	1	10		7	2	62		
Lesser Goldfinch							4		
Red Crossbill									
White-winged Crossbill									
Green-tailed Towhee		2					5		
Rufous-sided Towhee		8	10			1	16		
Brown Towhee									
Lark Bunting	100			12	16		3		
Savannah Sparrow	1				1		1		
Grasshopper Sparrow	1								
Baird's Sparrow									
Vesper Sparrow	1	2		1			17		
Lark Sparrow	26			5	59		47		
Rufous-crnd. Sparrow									
Cassin's Sparrow									
Slate-colored Junco									
Oregon Junco									
Gray-headed Junco		9	1				1	2	4
Tree Sparrow									
Chipping Sparrow	21	6		8	1		29	3	
Clay-colored Sparrow	13			2		1			
Brewer's Sparrow	1			3			3		
Harris' Sparrow									
White-crowned Sparrow	2	3					32	2	3
Golden-crowned Sparrow									
White-throated Sparrow									
Fox Sparrow									
Lincoln's Sparrow	1								
Swamp Sparrow									
Song Sparrow				1	1	10	11	2	
Lapland Longspur									

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX
Chestnut-cld. Longspur									
Added May 21, 1960									
Barred Owl	2								
Unidentified Empidonax	1			1			2		
Mourning Warbler	coll. 1								
Connecticut Warbler	1								
Least Bittern				1					
Dusky Flycatcher							1		
Total Species	109	55	32	85	65	45	128	68	23

Parties + places:

I Thompson Marsh, John, Johnny and Billy Chapin - Barney Lake

II Donald Thatcher - Echo Lake, Genesee Mt, Red Rocks, Alameda Pkwy

III Robert Gustafson - South Platte Canyon, Roxborough Pk, Watertown

IV Phil, Alexander, Nancy Harriet, Mary Louise Rosegay, Alice Rudolph, Lois Webster - Fitzsimons, Rocky Mt. Arsenal, Barr Lake, Mile High Duck Club

V John and Marjorie Lett - Platteville, LaSalle, Latham Res, Milton Lake

VI Cora Stevens, Marian Senior, Kathy Gracey, Verna Johnson - Kittredge, Indian Hills, Tiny Town, Deer Creek

VII Jay Arnold, Enez Baker, Allegra Collister, Camille Cummings, Sylvia Dermont, Harold Dunning, Rennie Fox, Ella Haubold, Verna Haubold, Edith Myers, Rosemary Newsome, Nellie Simon, Gwendolyn Smith, Nina Stultz, Merle Thieven in 4 parties - Longmont, Berthoud, Estes Park, Rocky Mountain National Park, Big Thompson, North Fork, North St. Vrain.

VIII Paul Tillion - Boulder, Valmont Reservoir

IX H. W. and Althea McWeeks - Pitkin

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SPRING MIGRATION, 1960

by Donald M. Thatcher

The spring of 1960 was much like that of 1959, being much later than those of the several years previous. Bird migration in general was slow, although individuals of several species occurred earlier than in the past several years (partly, no doubt, due to increased observer activity). This season had its full share of extremely unusual species. A number of others were unusually few in number, most noticeably Common Loon, Williamson's Sapsucker, Long-billed Marsh Wren, Western and Mountain Bluebirds, and Wilson's Warbler. On the other hand, several species greatly exceeded their usual numbers: Bufflehead, Osprey, Semipalmated Plover, Northern Phalarope, Franklin's Gull, Black-billed Cuckoo, Winter Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Northern Waterthrush, Yellow-breasted Chat. Western and Mountain Bluebirds and Common Grackle were late in arrival, while the following were reported earlier than in several years past: Double-crested Cormorant, Cinnamon Teal, Long-billed Curlew, Solitary, Pectoral, and Semipalmated Sandpipers, Marbled Godwit, Northern Phalarope, Forster's and Black Terns, Poor-will, Common Nighthawk, Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Western Wood Pewee, Violet-green Swallow, Red-eyed Vireo, Bullock's Oriole, and Lark Bunting. In the following list, unusual species or occurrences are indicated by an asterisk (*) and those of very special interest are capitalized, including two species new to the Colorado list: Mourning Warbler and Scott's Oriole.

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Letters F,H,L indicate first of season (spring arrivals), high count, and last of season (spring departure of migrants and winter residents), respectively. In parentheses following most first arrivals are the extremes of comparable dates for the past 1 to 5 years, for comparison.

Common Loon - F 1 5/1 LaSalle (only Colo. record for season, reported to ML) (4/14-5/1); (4/23,24 SE Nebraska-Club)
Horned Grebe - F 2 3/14 Denver (TM)(3/21); L 1 5/21 Longmont (Ct)
Eared Grebe - F 2 3/24 Denver (HH)(4/19); H 75 5/14 Barr L (Club)
Western Grebe - F 3 4/9 Longmont (ACol,IB)(4/5-24)
Pied-billed Grebe - F 3/13 Boulder (F&LJ)
White Pelican - F 75 4/10 LaSalle (ML)(3/27-5/11); L 10 5/28 LaSalle (ML)(5/23)
Double-crested Cormorant - F 6 4/9 Barr L (Club)(4/28)
Great Blue Heron - F 1 3/12 Barr L (Club)

*GREEN HERON - 1 5/21 Colorado Springs (Ct)
Common Egret - F 1 5/21 Bonny Dam (Ct)(4/26-5/16)
Snowy Egret - F 1 4/12 Longmont (ACol)(3/29-4/23)
Black-crowned Night Heron - F 1 3/27 Mile High Lakes (Brighton)(LW,MLR)(4/5)
American Bittern - F 1 4/26 Mile High L (H&EH)(4/7 -5/11)
White-faced Ibis - F 1 4/24 Mile High L (DT)(4/25-5/7)
Canada Goose - L 15 5/21 Ft. Collins (Ct)
Snow Goose - F 10 4/30 Longmont (IB)(2/24-5/23)
Green-winged Teal - L 3 5/21 Ft. Collins (Ct)
Blue-winged Teal - F 3/6 Boulder (P&LJ); next report 5 4/6 Arapahoe Co (HH)
Cinnamon Teal - F 2 3/19 Boulder (P&LJ); L 7 5/21 Ft. Collins (Ct)
Wood Duck - F 1 2/28, L 2 3/27 Bow Mar (Club)
Redhead - F 6 3/9 (ACol), 50 3/10 (IB)Longmont; L 4 5/21 Ft. Collins (Ct)
Ring-necked Duck - F 1 3/12 Barr L (Club); L 2 4/27 Denver (DT,H&EH)
Canvasback - F 4 3/12 Barr L (Club); L 2 5/4 Boulder Co (L&CB)
Lesser Scaup - F 3/6 Boulder (P&LJ); L 4 6/1 Boulder (L&CB)
Common Goldeneye - L 1 5/4 Boulder Co (L&CB)(4/30)
*BARROW'S GOLDENEYE - L 2 3/11 Estes Park (ACol)
Bufflehead - F 2 3/20 Jefferson Co (Club); L 1 5/21 Longmont (LBC), 2 5/21 Ft. Collins (J&MD)
Ruddy Duck - F 8 3/23 Boulder Co (L&CB); L 49 5/21 Ft. Collins (Ct)
Hooded Merganser - F 1 female 3/15 Jefferson Co (P&JW); L 1 female 5/3 Mile High L (H&EH)
Common Merganser - F 12 3/6 Boulder (P&LJ); L 1 6/1 Boulder Co (L&CB)
Red-breasted Merganser - F 1 3/27 Bow Mar (Club); L 1 4/17 Jefferson Co (Club)
Turkey Vulture - F 4/10 1 Bergen Park (DLC), 1 Denver (DT)(2/24-3/10)
*Goshawk - 1 (adult plumage) 4/8 Red Rocks Park, Morrison (DLC)
Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1 3/14 Denver (TM)
*Harlan's Hawk - 1 3/5 Jefferson Co (Club)
*BROAD-WINGED HAWK - 1 5/15 Littleton (RJN)
Swainson's Hawk - F 1 4/9 Barr L(Club)(3/10-4/10)
Rough-legged Hawk - L 1 5/8 Arapahoe Co (DT)
Bald Eagle - L 1 3/20 Morrison (Club)
Osprey - F 1 4/13 Jefferson Co (HH)(4/10); L 1 6/1 Boulder Co (L&CB)(4/29)
*Peregrine Falcon - 1 4/20 Boulder Co (HH)
Pigeon Hawk - L 1 4/28 Longmont (ACol)
Sparrow Hawk - F(mountains) 1 3/20 Allenspark (ACol)
Sandhill Crane - 100 4/28 Weldona (HR)(only report for season)
Virginia Rail - F 1 5/11 Boulder Co (L&CB)(5/2)
Sora - F 1 5/15 Mile High L (LW)(5/3)
Semipalmated Plover - F 1 4/26 Lafayette (HH); 16 4/30 Mile High L (LW,MLR), 50 5/1 Berthoud (JA); L 5/13 Longmont (ACol)
*PIPING PLOVER - 1 5/1 (with flock of Semipalmated) Berthoud (JA)
*SNOWY PLOVER - 1 5/21 Colorado Springs (Ct)
Killdeer - F 5 2/4 Longmont (IB)
*Black-bellied Plover - 1 5/14 Barr L (Club)(5/8-16)(only report)
Common Snipe - 15 3/14 Denver (TM)
Long-billed Curlew - F 1 4/11 Longmont (LBC)(4/19-5/9)
*Upland Plover - 2 5/8 Littleton (RJN)
Spotted Sandpiper - F 1 5/4 Longmont (ACol), 3 reports 5/7 (4/18-5/8); 1 5/18 Echo Lake (elev. 10,500)(HH)
Solitary Sandpiper - F 1 4/9 Longmont (IB)(4/22-27); L 4 5/11 Barr L (HH)
Willet - F 2 4/20 Boulder Co (L&CB), 2 4/20 Longmont (IB)(4/23-30); L 5/21: 1 Bonny Dam, 1 Barr L, 4 Colo. Spgs., 1 Ft. Collins (Count)
Greater Yellowlegs - F 2 3/29 Lafayette (H&EH)(3/28-4/9); L 5/21:1 Barr L, 2 Longmont (Ct)(4/22)

Lesser Yellowlegs - F 1 4/11 Longmont (LBC)(3/30-5/11); L 3 5/21 Bonny Dam, 1 5/21 Ft. Collins (Ct)(4/23-5/11)
Pectoral Sandpiper - F 2 4/10 Longmont (ACol,IB)(4/27-5/11); L 1 5/21 Ft. Coll.(Ct)
Baird's Sandpiper - F 4 4/16 Ft. Collins (3/14-4/14); L 4 5/21 Bonny Dam, 5 Ft. Collins (Ct)(5/20)
Least Sandpiper - F 2 4/15 Ft. Collins (ACol)(4/14-5/17); L 15 5/21 Bonny Dam, 2 5/21 Ft. Collins (Ct)
*DUNLIN (Red-backed Sandpiper) - 1 5/3 Barr L (HH)
Long-billed Dowitcher - F 3/27 Berthoud (JA)(3/30 - 5/5); L 10 5/21 Bonny Dam, 12 5/21 Barr L, 9 5/21 Ft. Collins (Ct)
Stilt Sandpiper - F 1 5/14 Barr L (Club)(4/20-5/22); L flock of 10 5/15 Barr L (LW,MLR)
Semipalmated Sandpiper - F 1 4/15 Longmont (ACol)(4/21-26); L 2 5/29 LaSalle (Club)
Western Sandpiper - F 11 4/16 Longmont (ACol,IB)(4/15-27); L 5 5/29 LaSalle (Club)
Marbled Godwit - F 2 4/15 Longmont (ACol,IB)(4/22-26); L 1 5/21 Barr L (Ct)
American Avocet - F 2 3/29 Lafayette (HH)(3/23-4/9); H 60 5/7 Barr L (DLC,BW)
Black-necked Stilt - 1 4/30 Longmont (Club)(only report)
Wilson's Phalarope - F 2 4/22 LaSalle (LBC,ML)(4/19-5/1); H 700 5/7 Barr L (DLC,BW)
Northern Phalarope - F 4/9 Berthoud (JA)(5/11-29); L&H*5/21:25 Barr L, 60 Longmont, 158 Ft. Collins (Ct)
California Gull - F 2 4/16 Jefferson Co (Club)(3/11-5/8); *15 4/25 Longmont (IB)
Franklin's Gull - F 1 4/12 Barr L (HH)(4/1-30); L 14 5/29 LaSalle (ML). Unusually numerous this spring; 19 reports of 1 to 25, 4/12-5/29, Estes Park to LaSalle to Denver.
Bonaparte's Gull - F 1 4/15 Barr L (LW)(4/14-22); L 1 (winter plumage) 5/8 LaSalle (ML)
Forster's Tern - F 11 4/10 Longmont (EM)(4/21-5/3); L 2 5/29 LaSalle (ML)
Black Tern - 11 4/25 Longmont (LBC)(5/4-22)
Band-tailed Pigeon - F 39 5/14 Jefferson Co (Club)
Mourning Dove - F 3 3/12 Barr L (Club); first song 3/21 Denver (DT)
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - F 5/21 2 Longmont, 1 Sedalia (Ct)(5/23-25)
*Black-billed Cuckoo - F 1 5/29 Denver (TM)(5/24)
Burrowing Owl - F 1 4/6 Platteville (ML)4/4-20)
Short-eared Owl - L 3 5/27 Platteville (Milton Resv)(ML)
Saw-whet Owl - F 1 4/7 Longmont (ACol), 1 5/15 Platteville (ML)
Poor-will - F 1 4/23 Platteville (ML)(5/6-21); 1 4/26 Denver (TM)
Common Nighthawk - F 1 5/13 Denver (HH), 1 5/15 Littleton (RJN)(5/3-25, unusual before 5/17); F Platteville 6/10 (ML)
Chimney Swift - F 6 4/28 Denver (PW)(5/11-21); 3-4 5/13-15 Boulder, probably nesting at Univ. of Colo. campus (IG,DT)
White-throated Swift - F 2 4/10 Red Rocks (DLC)(3/31-5/17)
Broad-tailed Hummingbird - F 1 4/27 (DT,HH), 1 4/29 during snowstorm (DLC) Red Rocks Park, Morrison (5/4-13)
Red-headed Woodpecker - F 1 5/8 Platteville (ML) (4/22-5/13)
Lewis' Woodpecker - F 1 3/23 Boulder Co (L&CB); H 21 (incl. groups of 4,4,3) 5/11 Boulder Co (L&CB)
Williamson's Sapsucker - F 4 4/10 Genesee Mtn Park (LL,DLC)(3/24-5/17) Few this year.
Eastern Kingbird - F 1 5/3 Longmont (LBC)(4/24-5/11)
Western Kingbird - F 1 5/4 Longmont (Acol (4/6-5/8)
*Eastern Phoebe - 1 4/16 Morrison (Club), 1 5/21 Sedalia (Ct)
Say's Phoebe - F 1 3/26 Weldona (HR)(3/22-4/16); late at Platteville, first 1 5/6
*Least Flycatcher - F 1 5/3 Denver (TM); L 2 5/11 Barr L (HH) (ML)
Hammond's Flycatcher - F 1 5/6 (probable), 1 banded 5/13 Longmont (ACol)
Dusky Flycatcher - F 1 5/21 Longmont (LBC)
Western Flycatcher - F 5/3 Lafayette (HH)(5/1-18)
Empidonax (species?) - F 3 4/25 Boulder (IG)

Western Wood Pewee - F 1 4/25 Boulder (IG)(5/11-18); next report 5/15 Jefferson Co (Club)
Olive-sided Flycatcher - F 5 5/21 Colo Spgs (Ct)(5/14-18)
Violet-green Swallow - F 1 4/10 Jefferson Co (DT)(4/15-5/8)
Tree Swallow - F 22 4/16 Lyons (DLC,IG)(4/11-5/8)
Bank Swallow - F 20 4/26 Barr L (HH)(4/21-5/11)
Rough-winged Swallow - F 2 4/10 BowMar (DT)(4/4-5/13)
Barn Swallow - F 1 4/9 Longmont (LBC)(4/14-28)
Cliff Swallow - F 4 4/25 Longmont (ACol)(4/16-5/11)
Blue Jay - last of those wintering in Denver, 1 5/16 (TM)
Pinon Jay - 1 or more heard 4/27 Red Rocks Park (DT)
Black-capped Chickadee - F 1 3/22 Allenspark (foothills)(ACol)
Mountain Chickadee-L (plains) 1 3/25 Longmont (LB)
*Common Bushtit - 2 3/20 foothills near Lyons (IG); 2 5/1 Big Thompson Canyon (west of Loveland)(ML)
Red-breasted Nuthatch - L (plains) 1 5/16 Longmont (IG)
House Wren - F 5/3 Red Rocks Park (DLC)(4/19-5/3)
*Winter Wren - L 1 5/21 Mile High Lakes (Ct)(4 reports 4/16-5/21 Denver and vicinity)
*BEWICK'S WREN - 1 4/30-5/1 (P&LJ), 1 in song 6/4-5 (VB) Boulder
Rock Wren - F 1 4/13 Weldona (prairies) HR (4/1-19)
Mockingbird - F 2 4/30 Weldona (prairies) HR (2/27-4/22)
Catbird - F 1 5/11 Barr L (HH)(4/13-5/16)
Brown Thrasher - F 1 4/27 Longmont (ACol)(3/26-5/10)
Sage Thrasher - F 1 4/9 Longmont (LBC) (4/1-22)
Robin - F in city 3/6 Denver (DT)
*Wood Thrush - 1 5/21 Bonny Dam (Ct)
Hermit Thrush - F 2 4/25 Boulder (IG)(4/8-5/6)
Swainson's Thrush - F 1 5/1 Longmont (ACol)(5/3-15)
Veery - F 5/21: 1 Pitkin, 2 Ft. Collins (Ct)(5/10-17)
Western Bluebird - F 2 4/13 Deckers (HH)(2/3-4/10)
Mountain Bluebird - F 2 3/12 Barr L (Club)(1/30-2/28). A flock 2/12 near Sugar City (Crowley Co) reported by Mrs. R. J. Philpy (TM)
Townsend's Solitaire - L plains 5/15 Longmont (IB)
*Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - F 1 4/27,30,5/12 Red Rocks Park (DT,H&EH)(5/1-11); L 1 5/21 Bonny Dam (Ct)
Golden-crowned Kinglet - L plains 3 3/26 Jefferson Co (Club)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - F 1 4/11 Red Rocks Park (DLC)(2/10-4/17); L (plains) 1 5/20 Denver (TM)
Water Pipit - F 1 4/14 Longmont (IB)(3/1-5/1); (several reports of wintering birds, Feb.-March)
Cedar Waxwing - 6 5/21 Longmont (Ct), only report since those reported 3/5-6 at Denver and Boulder
Northern Shrike - L 1 4/6 Boulder Co (L&CB)
Loggerhead Shrike - F (SE Colo) 1 3/20 Lamar (wintering?)(TM); (NE Colo) 1 4/16 Boulder (IG,DLC)(3/8-4/29)
Bell's Vireo - 2 5/21 Bonny Dam, 2 5/21 Ft. Collins (Ct)(5/17-23)
*YELLOW-THROATED VIREO - 1 5/6 Denver (TM); 1 5/16 Boulder (IG) Believed to be first records for Denver and Boulder.
Solitary Vireo - F 5/12 Daniels Park (RJN,PA)(5/8-16)
Red-eyed Vireo - F 1 5/8 Red Rocks Park (Club)(5/16-19)
Warbling Vireo - F 1 5/15 Boulder (DT)(5/11-17)
*Black-and-white Warbler - 1 5/10 Denver (Mrs.CDH); 1 5/21 Mile High Lakes (Ct)
*PROTHONOTARY WARBLER - 1 5/13 Boulder (IG) First state record except for extreme NE Colorado
Orange-crowned Warbler - F 1 4/27 Boulder (IG)(4/20-5/5); L 2 5/21 Jefferson Co (Ct)
Virginia's Warbler - 1 5/6 Red Rocks Park (DLC)(5/1-12)

Yellow Warbler - F 5/4 Aurora (MLR); general first reports 5/7-9, many by 5/12 (4/30-5/7)
Myrtle Warbler - F 1 4/20 Longmont (ACol)(4/15-26); L 5 reports 5/21 (Ct)
Audubon's Warbler - F 4/19 Berthoud (JA) (3/8-4/27)
*Black-throated Gray Warbler - 2 5/7 Jefferson Co (Club); 5/7 Adams Co (LW,MLR) (5/7-12)
Townsend's Warbler - 1 5/15 Denver (ACon)(only report)(5/8-24)
*BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER - 1 male 5/12 Holyoke (C&BB)(5/13)
*Blackpoll Warbler - 1 5/21 Bonny Resv., 1 5/21 Ft. Collins (Ct)(5/12-13)
Ovenbird - F 1 5/15 Jefferson Co (Club)(5/6-23)
Northern Waterthrush - F 1 5/11 Barr L (HH)(5/5-12); L 1 5/21 Colo Spgs, 1 5/21 Ft. Collins (Ct)
MacGillivray's Warbler - F 1 5/9 Denver (DT)(4/24-5/16)
Yellowthroat - F 1 4/26 Lafayette (H&EH)(4/21-5/10)
Yellow-breasted Chat - F 1 5/13 Red Rocks (DLC)(5/8-18)
Wilson's Warbler - F 1 4/25 Boulder (IG)(4/15-5/17)
American Redstart - F 1 5/11 Barr L (H&EH)(5/12-18)
Bobolink - 9 5/21 Bonny Resv. 1 5/21 S of Denver (Ct)(5/17-20)
Yellow-headed Blackbird - F 16 4/8 Longmont (EM); 1 4/8 Jefferson Co (RG)(3/14-4/13)
Red-winged Blackbird - F (prairie) 1 3/20; 20 females 3/30 Weldona (HR)
Orchard Oriole - 20 5/21 Bonny Dam (Ct)
*SCOTT'S ORIOLE - 1 male 6/1 Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument (H&EH) First Colorado record, well observed.
Baltimore Oriole - 1 5/20 Bonny Resv (DLC)(none reported farther west)
Bullock's Oriole - F 1 5/2 Denver (DT)(early--next report 5/6 Platteville (ML)(5/7-10)
Brewer's Blackbird - 30 3/18-4/3 Platteville (ML); several firsts 4/6-9 (several winter reports)
Common Grackle - F 18 4/10 Platteville (ML); 6 first reports 4/11-14, Weldona to Denver (3/23-4/8)
Brown-headed Cowbird - F 1 3/27, first female 4/19 Weldona (HR)(4/1-5/9); next reports 5/7 Platteville and Denver
Western Tanager - F 1 5/8 Denver (TM)(5/7-14)
*Cardinal - 1 5/19 Laird (Yuma Co)(C&BB)
*Rose-breasted Grosbeak - F 1 male 5/15,16 Boulder (IG,DT); 1 5/21 Colo Spgs (Ct)
Black-headed Grosbeak - F 1 5/2 Denver (PW)(4/26-5/15); next report 5/7 Jefferson Co
Blue Grosbeak - 2 Bonny Resv, 2 Longmont, 1 Colo Spgs 5/21 (Ct)(5/17-19)
Indigo Bunting - F 3 5/12 Boulder (IG); 1 Red Rocks 5/13 (DLC,HH)(5/23)
Lazuli Bunting - F 1 5/3 Lafayette (HH); several reports 5/7-8 (4/25-5/16)
Indigo BuntingxLazuli Bunting hybrid - 1 5/10 dark blue head, white breast, no rust, no wing bars; 2 5/12(banded) head and throat deeper blue than Lazuli's, few rusty feathers on breast and sides, scattered blue feathers on breast, belly and under tail coverts: Longmont (ACol); 1 5/15 similar to first above Boulder (IG,DT)
Dickcissel - 20 Bonny Resv , 1 Platteville, 1 Longmont 5/21 (Ct)(5/1-6/30)
Evening Grosbeak - F 3 3/5 Boulder (IG); F Durango 5/14 (OR); only two other reports: 1 5/12 Boulder (IG) and 2 5/17 Denver (TM)
Cassin's Finch - L (plains) 4 5/13,15 Boulder (IG,DT)(late)
Pine Grosbeak - 2 3/3 Allenspark (ACol)
Lesser Goldfinch - F 1 5/1 Denver (DT)(4/4-5/19)
Red Crossbill - 2 4/10 Echo Lake (DLC)(first report in region since fall; numerous later vicinity of Echo Lake)
Green-tailed Towhee - F 1 4/29 Denver (RT) (4/10-5/2)
Lark Bunting - F 1 4/19 Denver (very early); next report 5/7 (4/25-5/4)
Savannah Sparrow - F 3 4/16 Estes Park (DLC,IG)(4/10-5/3)
Grasshopper Sparrow - 1 5/21 Bonny Resv (Ct)(5/13)
Baird's Sparrow - 1 5/21 Ft. Collins (Ct)

Vesper Sparrow - F 1 4/9 Weldona (HR)(2/26-4/19)
Lark Sparrow - F 1 4/27 Red Rocks Park (DT)(4/19-5/1); (several SE Nebraska 4/23-24, Club)
White-winged Junco - L 1 4/10 Red Rocks Park (LL)
Slate-colored Junco - L 4/30 1 Longmont (Club), 1 Red Rocks (DT)
Oregon Junco - L 5 5/21 Colorado Springs (Ct); last in vic. of Denver, 5/1
Gray-headed Junco - last in numbers, 110 4/30 Longmont (Club); L (plains) 8 5/5 after snowstorm, Golden (DLC); 1 4/2 with crown conspicuously red like back, Genesee Mtn Park (DLC,DT)
Tree Sparrow - L 6 5/21 Black Forest (Colo Spgs)(Ct); L NE Colo, 3/27 Weldona (HR)
Chipping Sparrow - F 3 4/13 Denver (TM)(3/10-4/25); first in numbers 300 4/27 Denver (TM)
Clay-colored Sparrow - F 1 4/17 Weldona (HR)(4/21-5/11); next report, 5/4 Aurora (MLR)
Brewer's Sparrow - F 1 4/28 Platteville (ML)(3/27-5/1)
Harris' Sparrow - L 1 5/21 Ft. Collins (J&MD)
White-crowned Sparrow - L (plains) 1 5/27 Platteville (ML)
*White-throated Sparrow - L 1 5/21 Colo Spgs, 1 Ft. Collins (Ct)
Lincoln's Sparrow - F 1 4/27 Longmont (ACol)(3/23-5/6)
*SWAMP SPARROW - 1 5/2 Boulder (IG)
Song Sparrow - F (mountains) 1 3/18 Estes Park (ACol)
McCown's Longspur - L 100 4/20 Weldona (HR) only report
Lapland Longspur - L 3/26 Weldona (HR)

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WELDONA NOTES
by Howard Rollin

April 30, 1960--Bird activity has continued dull the past month and migration has been slow. April was very dry except for 3/4-inch of precipitation, mostly snow, the 28th and 29th. As a consequence of some high temperatures, the hills are green and the trees along the creek are well leaved out. Of many warm days, April 21 was warmest, reaching 85°.

May 31, 1960--The past month had several good rains and consequently the hills are green and there have been more flowers than in any other spring since 1935. The primroses resemble drifted snow in some places and other flowers have put on a wonderful display. However, the moisture is all at the surface, as there have been no general rains of several days' duration, needed to provide subsurface moisture. Without more showers, the green will be of short duration. The May bird migration was slow for most species and several common ones have not yet been recorded.

June 30, 1960--A severe drouth holds sway here now; only traces of rain have been recorded since the 7-inch fall of June 8. The hills are now brown or gray, with no trace of green. The dry weather is a boon to the nesting birds and many young are appearing.

Following are bird notes to date (combined from the three reports above):
Ducks - none
Red-tailed Hawk - 1 4/28
Swainson's Hawk, Golden Eagle, Marsh Hawk - seen occasionally, but scarce
Pigeon Hawk - 1 4/21 Fort Morgan
Sparrow Hawk - common, April; rare later
Ring-necked Pheasant - fairly common, nesting (May)
Sandhill Crane - 100-125 4/28, only second time here in spring in about 25 years
Killdeer - first 1 4/7 (24 days later than 1959), 4/8; occasional since.
Ring-billed Gull - 20 4/6

Mourning Dove - first, 2 4/7,9; only two pairs nested about the buildings, where there were seven pairs in 1959.
YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO - 1 6/19 the first record here
Barn Owl - none seen to 5/31; scarce since (Pair nesting in earth bank in canyon, 6/12--DMT)
Great Horned Owl - more numerous than previous month (April report); less frequent in June than in May
Burrowing Owl - 1 6/17; very scarce
Common Nighthawk - first, 1 5/23,27; scarce
Red-shafted Flicker - 1 4/8; none since
Red-headed Woodpecker - 1 5/22; rare here
Eastern Kingbird - first, 1 5/17; occasional since
Western Kingbird - first, 1 5/4-9; common 5/11; nesting 5/25 near the house
Say's Phoebe - a few present; those at the house have nest repaired (4/30); 5 young on wing, one killed by bull snake, adults preparing for second nesting (6/30)
Horned Lark - very numerous, flight songs frequent (4/30); young on the wing (5/31); abundant young (6/30)
Roung-winged Swallow - first, 2 5/7-8; very few about (6/30)
Barn Swallow - first 1 5/4,5/23; rare
Blue Jay - 2 5/2, the only ones seen here; common along creek to southeast
Black-billed Magpie - numerous (April, May, June); many young (6/30)
Common Crow - 2 or 3 occasionally (April); 1 5/4
Rock Wren - first 1 4/13,14; occasional since
Mockingbird - first, 2 4/30,5/3; nest by front door in bush, young 5/31; 5 young on wing from this nest (6/30); increased after 6/1, but only two pairs close by, where there were 5 pairs last year.
Brown Thrasher - first, 1 5/5,6; nesting 5/31; no young seen by 6/30; 5 adults 6/30, the most seen this year
Sage Thrasher - first 1 4/16,17; common to 4/20 and none later
Robin - common 4/10,13,17; first time heard singing here
Mountain Bluebird - none since last report (3/23)
Water Pipit - 1 5/7; very rare here
Loggerhead Shrike - first 4/23,25; common 4/28-30; nesting in tree by chicken coop (5/31); 6 young on wing (6/30)
Starling - a few come and go (April)
Myrtle Warbler - 1 5/13,14
Townsend's Warbler - 1 5/24; very rare here
House Sparrow - very few; none resident /June.
Western Meadowlark - very numerous; young on wing, 5/31; record numbers of young
Red-winged Blackbird - occasional (April, May);1 6/9; rare here in summer
Bullock's Oriole - first 1 5/18,20; 5 6/27 most seen; one with unusual song has left
Brewer's Blackbird - first, 7 4/8; next 4/28; common 5/3; 1 6/9 last
Common Grackle - first, 4 4/11,14; occasional May
Brown-headed Cowbird - a few present; first female 4/19; scarce this year
Black-headed Grosbeak - 1 5/7; rare
House Finch - 1 3/31, 4/6; none since
Lesser Goldfinch - 1 6/8
Goldfinch (species?) - 1 5/18
Lark Bunting - first, 25 5/3,4; first female 5/9; common 5/11, nesting (5/31); less common than in some years; young on wing and small flocks forming 6/30.
Vesper Sparrow - first 1 4/9,10; last 5/14
Lark Sparrow - first 5/1-3; scarce; young on wing, 6/30 (nest with 3 eggs and one of Cowbird, in creek bottom, 6/12--DMT)
Oregon Junco - last, 4/21
Chipping Sparrow - first, 2 5/4-14 (singing); last 5/16
Clay-colored Sparrow - 1 4/17; 2 5/4 nest; last 5/15

Brewer's Sparrow - first 1 4/30; next, many 5/14; young about to leave nest, 6/30; more numerous than usual this year
White-crowned Sparrow - common 4/28-5/4; last 5/10
McCown's Longspur - 100-125 4/20, only occurrence

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YELLOWSTONE PARK BOATING RULES NEED YOUR SUPPORT. The National Audubon Society informs us that proposed boating rules of the United States Park Service for Yellowstone National Park will be the subject of hearings in late August, in Idaho and Wyoming. The rules would require permits for use of boats, control their size and type, forbid discharge of rubbish, etc. in the water, prohibit all boating on streams and certain lakes, prohibit water skiing, racing and the like, and prohibit disturbance of the White Pelicans and other birds on the Molly Islands in Yellowstone Lake. These rules are being strongly opposed by the organized motorboating interests. Letters from a thousand Audubon Members and their friends could turn the tide. Please write at once to the Secretary of the Interior, Hon. Fred A. Seaton, Washington 25, D.C., and urge him to put the Yellowstone boating regulations into effect without change. Get others to write similar letters. One-paragraph messages will be long enough.

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Under "Milestones", TIME Magazine for May 30, 1960:
Born. To Crip, twentyish, lanky (5 ft., 8 in.), loudmouthed (voice range: three miles) whooping crane, the nation's rarest bird (about 40 left in existence), and Josephine, 21, his yellow-eyed spouse: their fourth surviving offspring (in seven years of captive mating); at New Orleans' Audubon Park zoo.

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1960 SPRING COUNT - ADDITIONAL

Three Spring Count reports were received after publication of the June 1 NOTES, making a total of twelve reports. These add 22 species to the Count, for a total of 206, seven fewer than the high totals of 213 for 1956 and 1959.

Observers and localities:

X. Sadie Morrison, Ann Condit, Phyllis Caswell. Denver to Sedalia.

XI. John & Margaret Douglass. Fort Collins - Waverly - Wellington - Timnath.

XII. Mrs. T.L. Adams, Richard Beidleman, Mrs. G.L.Catlett, Mrs. L.B.Field, Larry Field, D.L.Malick, Mrs. Noble Miller, David Parmeter, Mrs. Lawrence Pickering, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sample, Mr. & Mrs. George Sinton, Mahlon Speers, James Turner, Mr. & Mrs. E. VanSickle, Mr. & Mrs. H.J.Weberbauer, Mrs. A.D.Williams. Colorado Springs and vicinity, including Fountain, Black Forest, and Air Force Academy.

Species	X	XI	XII
Eared Grebe		1	
Western Grebe		25	10
Pied-billed Grebe	4	5	
Double-crested Cormorant		38	
Great Blue Heron	2	20	
Green Heron			1
Snowy Egret		10	5
Black-crowned Night Heron		4	6
American Bittern	2		
Canada Goose	17	15	
Mallard	6	58	100
Gadwall	16	22	74
Pintail		13	17
Green-winged Teal		3	2
Blue-winged Teal	8	6	37
Cinnamon Teal	2	7	3
American Widgeon	1	5	4
Shoveler	3	60	76
Redhead	16	4	20
Lesser Scaup		7	33
Bufflehead		2	
Ruddy Duck		49	51
Common Merganser		2	
Turkey Vulture	1	4	
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1
Cooper's Hawk		1	1
Red-tailed Hawk		1	9
Swainson's Hawk		2	2
Ferruginous Hawk			2
Golden Eagle	1		3
Marsh Hawk		5	1
Prairie Falcon			1
Sparrow Hawk	26	17	18
Scaled Quail			5
California Quail		1	
Ring-necked Pheasant	10	35	8
Sora		2	1
American Coot	5	20	31
Killdeer	15	17	33
Snowy Plover			1
Long-billed Curlew			1
Spotted Sandpiper	3	9	10
Solitary Sandpiper		1	4
Lesser Yellowlegs		1	
Pectoral Sandpiper		1	
Baird's Sandpiper		5	
Least Sandpiper		2	
Long-billed Dowitcher		9	
Western Sandpiper		4	2
American Avocet	2	68	23
Wilson's Phalarope	15	51	130
Northern Phalarope		158	
Ring-billed Gull		4	3
Forster's Tern			2
Black Tern		125	52
Band-tailed Pigeon	40		
Mourning Dove	60	157	324
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1		
Barn Owl		3	
Great Horned Owl		2	5
Burrowing Owl	3	2	
Long-eared Owl	1		
White-throated Swift	3	1	200+
Broad-tailed Hummingbird			52
Belted Kingfisher	1	2	1
Red-shafted Flicker	5	24	43
Red-headed Woodpecker		1	19
Lewis' Woodpecker	5	2	29
Hairy Woodpecker	1		4
Downy Woodpecker		1	2
Eastern Kingbird		17	28
Western Kingbird	11	22	97
Eastern Phoebe	1		
Say's Phoebe	4		6
Western Flycatcher			4
Western Wood Pewee	2	8	8
Olive-sided Flycatcher			5
Horned Lark		3	115
Violet-green Swallow	4		101
Tree Swallow		1	10
Bank Swallow	100	3	29
Rough-winged Swallow	6	222	32
Barn Swallow	12	39	34
Cliff Swallow	20	217	26

Species	X	XI	XII	Species	X	XI	XII
Blue Jay	1		5	House Sparrow	62	4	33
Steller's Jay			38	Western Meadowlark	45	145	212
Scrub Jay			21	Yellow-headed Blackbird	43	X	23
Black-billed Magpie	40	53	206	Redwinged Blackbird	49	X	313
Common Crow	2	8	36	Bullock's Oriole	1	24	62
Black-capped Chickadee	8	7	12	Brewer's Blackbird	11	X	213
Mountain Chickadee			12	Common Grackle	20	14	78
White-breasted Nuthatch	2		10	Brown-headed Cowbird	2	2	31
Pigmy Nuthatch			25	Western Tanager		3	21
House Wren	7	11	49	Rose-breasted Grosbeak			1
Canyon Wren		2	1	Black-headed Grosbeak		1	68
Rock Wren		6	8	Blue Grosbeak			1
Mockingbird		1	1	Indigo Bunting			4
Catbird	4	5	8	Lazuli Bunting	4	14	105
Brown Thrasher		1	2	Evening Grosbeak			1
Robin	32	37	420	Cassin's Finch	1		2
Hermit Thrush	1	1	2	House Finch	93	7	425
Swainson's Thrush	3	3	4	Pine Siskin	9		12
Veery		2		American Goldfinch	7	55	100
Western Bluebird			3	Lesser Goldfinch			12
Mountain Bluebird			5	Green-tailed Towhee		2	2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1	Rufous-sided Towhee	5	23	54
Loggerhead Shrike			8	Lark Bunting		6	55
Starling	16	X*	210	Savannah Sparrow	1	1	1
Bell's Vireo		2		Baird's Sparrow		1	
Solitary Vireo	1		9	Vesper Sparrow	2	3	34
Red-eyed Vireo		1	5	Lark Sparrow	3	57	29
Warbling Vireo	1	1	11	Oregon Junco			5
Virginia's Warbler			15	Gray-headed Junco			19
Yellow Warbler	20	63	72	Tree Sparrow			6
Myrtle Warbler		1	3	Chipping Sparrow	55	44	132
Audubon's Warbler	1	17	25	Clay-colored Sparrow		1	2
Blackpoll Warbler		1		Brewer's Sparrow		1	
Ovenbird			2	Harris' Sparrow		1	
Northern Waterthrush		1	1	White-crowned Sparrow	7	3	24
MacGillivray's Warbler	1		3	White-throated Sparrow		1	1
Yellowthroat	7	7	18	Song Sparrow	2	3	18
Yellow-breasted Chat		1					
Wilson's Warbler	1	1	3	Total species	77	117	133
American Redstart		1	2				

* X - numerous, not counted.

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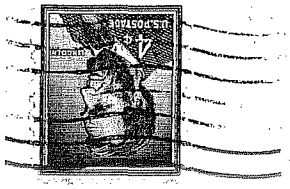

COLORADO BIRD NOTES

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(National Audubon Society Affiliate)

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HORACE G. SMITH, 1865-1960

In the passing of Horace (Dad) Smith on June 12, 1960, the Colorado Bird Club lost its oldest member, and the country one of its oldest naturalists. Mr. Smith was born in Waukegon, Illinois, on March 23, 1865, and moved to Denver in 1873, the family making its way afoot from Union Station to the then distant outpost which was to be their new home--29th & Lafayette St. Horace's early interest in nature continued into manhood. He became associated with many of the early-day naturalists of the city, and with William H. Bergtold and Alva Felger established the Colorado Ornithological Association in the 1890's, the first group of its kind in the state. In 1900 he became curator of birds at the State Historical Society, a position he held until 1916.

Mr. Smith made extensive trips afield collecting birds, and his large collection of ornithological specimens is now in the Denver Museum of Natural History. He obtained the first records of several species for the State of Colorado. While birds occupied his major interest, he was a keen observer of mammals and insects as well.

For the past 8 years Mr. Smith made his home with friends, Henry and Margaret Blom, at 1457 St. Paul Street, and until this last year attended the meetings of the Colorado Bird Club regularly. His greatest pleasure was reminiscing with his friends over birding experiences of the past, and his absence will be keenly felt throughout his wide range of acquaintances.

--Catherine Hurlbutt.

WELDONA NOTES
by Howard Rollin

July 31, 1960.--The severe June drouth was broken July 3 to 5 by 2.20 inches of rain, but only .20 inch was recorded during the rest of July. The continued drouth and high temperatures favored the birds in their nestings and numerous young of most species have been noted. At this time birds are decreasing in numbers, as they seem to be moving out for more favorable feeding places.

August 31, 1960.--July's heat and drouth continued through August. August 4 reached 103° and August 31, 100°. Precipitation for the month was only .30 inch, and several dry thunderstorms touched off prairie fires in Morgan and Weld Counties. The dry weather, however, continued to favor the birds and more young are safely on the wing. There has been a sharp decrease in birds the past week and they are now generally scarce here.

(The following notes are combined from the two above reports):

Red-tailed Hawk - 1 7/13, 8/20
Swainson's Hawk - few (July)
Golden Eagle - rare
Marsh Hawk - very few (July)
Sparrow Hawk - increasing (July); most numerous hawk (Aug.)
Ring-necked Pheasant - rare (Aug.)

Killdeer - very few; 1 8/20
Upland Plover - 1 7/3
Franklin's Gull - 25-30 7/25, few 8/15 (scarce this year)
Mourning Dove - very few
Great Horned Owl - very few
Burrowing Owl - 1 7/15, 8/23
Common Nighthawk - few; last seen 8/15
Hummingbird (species?) - 1 8/14
Eastern Kingbird - seen nearly every day (July); numerous 8/17, very few by 8/31
Western Kingbird - very common (July), fairly common (Aug.)
Western Wood Pewee - first 1 8/17, 1 8/20
Say's Phoebe - young of second nesting nearly on wing (7/31)
Horned Lark - flocks (July); common (Aug.)
Rough-winged Swallow - seen in July until 20th, next 8/1, 8/27
Barn Swallow - 2 8/31
Black-billed Magpie - common
Rock Wren - a few, several young (July); very few, last of Aug.
Mockingbird - common (July), feeding second nesting 7/31; 1 or 2 present 8/31
Brown Thrasher - scarce, second nesting in nearby canyon (7/31); scarce (Aug.)
Sage Thrasher - 2 7/3, scarce July; common 8/31
Loggerhead Shrike - common July, fewer Aug.
Starling - none seen
Yellow Warbler - first of year, 2 8/26
American Redstart - 1 8/26, the first in years
House Sparrow - 1 or 2 seen occasionally
Western Meadowlark - some young just on wing 7/31; common July and Aug.
Yellow-headed Blackbird - 1 8/28, 29, first of year
Redwinged Blackbird - 1 8/17
Bullock's Oriole - few (July); last seen 8/15
Brown-headed Cowbird - 2 young being fed by Rock Wren pair 7/4, 1 by Horned Lark 7/15, 1 by Lark Sparrow 7/30; flock of 20 7/24, fewer later (July); 5 young 8/15, flock 15 adults 8/26
Blue Grosbeak - first, 1 7/3,4; 1 7/12; 3 young 8/15
Lark Bunting - large flocks, working south (7/31); last large flocks 8/17; small flocks and stragglers by 8/31
Vesper Sparrow - first (since 5/14), 1 8/15; (previous early fall dates: 8/2/54, 8/5/56); next seen 8/29
Lark Sparrow - few remaining 7/31; fewer 8/31
Brewer's Sparrow - very few 7/31; none seen last few days (8/31)

SUMMER NOTES FROM PLATTEVILLE
by Mrs. Marjorie Lett

Birds summering and probably nesting in park and small part of town of Platteville (P) and on or near Lett farm just north of town (F).
American Bittern - seen often, no nests found (F)
Mallard - 1 pair in pasture, 8 eggs 7/21, not seen after hatching (F)
Blue-winged Teal - 2 pairs in pasture, nests not found, first young (6) 7/21 (F)
Sparrow Hawk - 1 pair, nest not located (F); 1 pair neighboring farm; 1 young out 7/22
Bobwhite - 2 pairs 6/17, seen often near house (F); heard (P)
Ring-necked Pheasant - 2 pairs (F)
Killdeer - 4 pairs 6/25, 12 (individuals) 8/21 (F)
Common Snipe - pair, 4 eggs 6/28, hatched before 7/13, adults seen until 7/28 (F)
Spotted Sandpiper - 2 seen often at sandpit, no nest located (F)
American Avocet - 1 pair, young killed by hail 6/5, adults left soon after (F)

Wilson's Phalarope - 4 frequent during nesting season, no nests found (F)
Mourning Dove - many nests, last to leave nests around yard 8/30 (F)
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 2 pairs heard and seen 6/18 to 8/11 (P); single birds seen three places in Platteville area; 1 8/11, last (F)
Barn Owl - 1 5/27 and several times in July (P); 1 found dead 3½ miles north of Platteville
Burrowing Owl - 2 pairs, young (1 pair) by 5/27, 7 out of nest by 6/15 (no count of young of second pair)(F)
Common Nighthawk - 2 pairs 6/10, 4 with 2 young 8/16 (F); 1 pair (P); several pairs east in dryland area
Red-shafted Flicker - several pairs (P,F)
Downy Woodpecker - 1 all summer (P)
Red-headed Woodpecker - 1 pair, 1 young 8/8 (F)
Eastern Kingbird - 2 pairs 6/17, young by 7/20 (F)
Western Kingbird - 4 pairs 6/29,16 young out by 7/15, 1 8/15 (F); 6 pairs between F and P
Western Wood Pewee - 1 pair 6/9, 2 young 7/30, 4 8/13 (P)
Horned Lark - 1 pair in pasture, young 6/28, first time known positively to have nested here (F); numerous east in dryland
Barn Swallow - 2 pairs, first young 7/13, flying 7/27; flock 14 7/28; later young 4 8/15 (F)
Blue Jay - heard occasionally 7/1 to 30, frequent later (P); probably nested in grove on east side of town and along river
Black-capped Chickadee - 1 pair (P)
House Wren - 2 pairs 6/8 to 7/30 (P); 1 8/3-15 singing (F)
Mockingbird - 2 pairs (P); 2 pairs north of town
Brown Thrasher - at least 1 pair at river bottom, nest and eggs 5/29, and 1 pair east in dryland
Robin - numerous (P); 4 pairs, young by 5/27, off nest 6/9 (F)
Warbling Vireo - 2 pairs 6/9 to 7/18 (P)
Yellow Warbler - 1 pair 6/9, young 7/31, 4 8/3 (F); 2 pair to 7/31 (P)
Yellowthroat - 2 pairs 6/9 to 7/28 (F)
Western Meadowlark - many pairs, first young 6/8, later 7/1 (F)
Yellow-headed Blackbird - 3 pairs 6/16 (F)
Redwinged Blackbird - many (F); first out of nest 6/10; nests with eggs, nests with young and young just out of nests, 7/20
Bullock's Oriole - 3 pairs 6/15, 3 young 7/4, 12 birds 7/29 (F); 3 pairs (P)
Brewer's Blackbird - approximately 50 7/27 and later (F)
Lazuli Bunting - 2 pairs 7/8 between F and P
American Goldfinch - none June, present daily 7/15-8/15 (P)
House Finch - 5 pairs, young out by 6/10 to 19, mostly gone 7/20 (F); 6 pairs (P)
Lark Bunting - 5 7/18, seen occasionally all summer, no evidence of nests (F)
Lark Sparrow - 6 pairs (F); several pairs between F and P; first young 7/13, many by 7/20, flocks by 8/15

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SUMMER SEASON, 1960

by Donald M. Thatcher

The 1960 summer season has been most interesting, with several unusual occurrences, as well as a successful breeding season resulting from the abnormally hot weather and the general absence of severe storms.

A supposed new species for Colorado, the Mourning Warbler, was mentioned in the introduction to the spring season report, but was inadvertently omitted, with details, from the summary. The specimen was taken May 21 at Bonny Reservoir and was identified by some experts as a Mourning Warbler. It has since been sent to

Washington, where other experts make it a MacGillivray's Warbler, as there is evidence of the broken white eye-ring diagnostic of the latter species. As the known ranges of the two species practically touch at Lesser Slave Lake, in Central Alberta, it seems likely that this specimen with the faint eye-ring on one side (none is apparent on the other) might well be a hybrid from that locality. After study of museum specimens, and in consideration of the fact that the two species are very similar in song, habitat, and nesting habits, this amateur feels that the two should be considered conspecific, i. e. races of one species.

The September, 1960, "Aikorns", bulletin of the Aiken Ornithological Society, Colorado Springs, reports a Mourning Dove nest in the yard of Mrs. Moses in which were hatched three young. "When the young ones were out of the nest, it became the habit of the whole family to line up on a branch during the evening hours. They sat close together and all facing the same way." The writer had a similar occurrence at Denver, in June, the three nearly-grown young and a parent perching close together on a telephone wire in the evening, two young on one side of the adult and one on the other. References in the literature to clutches of three are few, nearly all accounts of the Mourning Dove mentioning only two eggs, or occasionally "one or two".

The following summary contains data on breeding, notable summer occurrences including many of probable non-breeding individuals outside their breeding range, and some unusual numbers of species. Included also are a few late migrant reports and several reports from the May 21 Spring Count which were unintentionally omitted from the spring season report. A number of summer reports of supposed early fall migrants, some as early as July 6, will be included in the fall migration report, next month. See also the preceding notes from Weldona and Platteville for additional summer data.

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Western Grebe - approx. 100 adults, first young 6/25 LaSalle (ML); adult with 2 yng. 6/28 Longmont (IB); 1 8/30 Denver (L&CB).
Double-crested Cormorant - many nesting 5/29 Milton Reservoir (Platteville), approx. 50 pairs 6/11, none 8/27 (ML).
Great Blue Heron - approx. 15 pairs nesting on island in Milton Resv. (ML).
Snowy Egret - 1 6/26, 3 7/18, 5 8/5 Longmont (IB).
Black-crowned Night Heron - 2 Golden 6/7 (DC,RG); first young 4 6/19 LaSalle (ML).
American Bittern - nest & 4 eggs 7/2; 2 young & 2 eggs 7/25-8/1 Boulder (IB,BS).
Least Bittern - 1 5/21 Mile High Lakes (Count); 1 6/26, 7/18 LaSalle (ML).
Canada Goose - 3 at Denver Federal Center pond (1 on nest) 4/27; 4 eggs in nest 5/2; 3 of 4 young survived, last seen in August with 3 adults (DC,DT).
Gadwall - large young 6/28 Longmont (IB).
Swainson's Hawk - on nest 6/1 Boulder County (L&CB).
Osprey - 1 7/3 Allenspark (IM, by AC); 1 7/24 Bear Lake, Rocky Mountain National Park (IB). (Not known as summer resident, this area.)
Blue Grouse - 1 7/6 Red Rocks Park, in grassland, well below usual habitat (HH); female, 2 small young 7/17 Genesee Mountain Park (DT).
American Coot - 4 downy young 7/6 Longmont (IB).
Killdeer - 3 young 7/8 Longmont (IB).
Mountain Plover - 2 adults, 2 young 7/4 (DC,IG); 1 pair, 2 single adults, 2 young 7/8 (AC,IB) - at widely separated places, Central Plains Experimental Range at Nunn.
Upland Plover - 2 6/23 Iliff, Logan Co. (C&MS).
Solitary Sandpiper - 2 7/9 Barr Lake (Club) Fall migrants?

Lesser Yellowlegs - 1 6/19 LaSalle (ML) Non-breeder?
Long-billed Dowitcher - 1 6/19 LaSalle (ML) Non-breeder?
American Avocet - 2 pairs, first young 6/26 LaSalle (ML).
Wilson's Phalarope - 2 pairs with young 6/26 LaSalle (ML).
Northern Phalarope - 2 6/11 Barr Lake (Club). Late migrants.
Ring-billed Gull - 2 6/19 Jefferson Co. (Club); 75 6/19, 12 7/29 LaSalle (ML); 17 7/6, many by 8/15 Longmont (IB); 24 7/9 Barr L. (Club).
Franklin's Gull - 200 6/19 LaSalle (ML) Very early fall migrants?
Black Tern - 2 7/25, 4 7/27 Longmont (AC).
Band-tailed Pigeon - 9 6/18 Morrison (Club); 2 6/28 Nederland (AC).
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 7 reports of 1-3 6/4 to 8/28: Fort Morgan, Longmont, Barr Lake, Denver, Golden. (See Platteville notes.)
Black-billed Cuckoo - 1 seen 5/29 to 6/28 SE Denver (TM); 2 7/4 Golden (HH).
Barn Owl - pair at nest in gully side 6/12 Rollins Ranch, Weldona (DT).
BARRED OWL - 2 5/21 Bonny Resv.(JC,TM - Count).
Black Swift - 3 7/8 at 11,000 feet, 2 about 7/28 above summit Pigeon Peak (13,980') Needle Mts., San Juan Co. (HK).
CHIMNEY SWIFT - 4 6/7 Golden (DC,RG).
Red-headed Woodpecker - much more numerous than usual, Longmont (IB); 1 6/15 Denver (DT). RG).
Williamson's Sapsucker - pair feeding young in nest 6/18 Genesee Mountain Park (DC,
Northern Three-toed Woodpecker - pair feeding young 6/24 Moraine Park, RMNP (ML); 1 7/25 elev. 11,000', Needle Mts. (HK); 2 8/6 Echo Lake (DC,RG); 3 8/28 Brainard Lake, Boulder Co. (IB).
Traill's Flycatcher - 1 in song 7/23, elev. 8500' Eldora (Club).
Hammond's Flycatcher - 1 6/18 & 7/24, 2 7/31 Alpine Garden Trail, Mt. Goliath, above Echo Lake (DT).
Tree Swallow - 4 (nesting) 7/23 Eldora (Club).
Rough-winged Swallow - flock of 16 or more nested, S. Platte River, Platteville (ML).
Common Raven - flock of 50 in air 6/25 Loveland Pass (DT).
Pinon Jay - 2 7/14 Boulder (IB).
Red-breasted Nuthatch - 1 6/18 Genesee Mtn. Park (DC,RG).
Pigmy Nuthatch - 2 7/31 at timberline, Mt. Goliath (DT).
Dipper - 1 at nest 5/22, Chicago Creek, 5 miles west of Idaho Springs (DT).
House Wren - 2 7/31 at timberline (11,700') Mt. Goliath (DT).
Catbird - 2 6/7 Golden (DC,RG).
Sage Thrasher - 1 in full song 7/4, 1 7/31 at timberline (11,800') Mt. Goliath (DT); 5 7/30 Black Canyon of Gunnison National Monument (CHB,DC).
Swainson's Thrush - 2 6/3 Holyoke, Phillips Co. (ML); 2 6/5 Denver (Club);(late migrants).
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1 6/18 Echo L. (DC,RG); pair 6/25 at 10,750' near Loveland Pass (DT); 40 on each of 2 days 7/24-30 (10,000') Needle Mts. (HK); 2 7/31 (10,750') Mt. Goliath (DT).
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - at nest 6/18 Genesee Mtn. Park (DC,RG).
Water Pipit - nest, 5 eggs 7/4 Mt Goliath (10,700') (DT).
Red-eyed Vireo - 5 reports 6/2-7/30 Platteville, Denver, Golden.
Warbling Vireo - 2 singing on nests 7/4, both nests containing cleansing tissues (contrary to Headstrom, "Birds' Nests of the West") near Westcliffe (P&JW).
Yellow Warbler - 2 2-story nests with Cowbird eggs in lower story (neither nest successful) Longmont (AC).
MAGNOLIA WARBLER - 3 5/18 2 miles SE of Colorado Springs (well observed - Mrs. LBF & Mrs. GLC).
CONNECTICUT WARBLER - 1 5/21 Bonny Resvr. (JC,TM - Count) (previous Colorado records: 1 specimen 1899 and 1 sight record 1952).
CANADA WARBLER - 1 6/13 Eldora (8600')(seen well at few feet - GS).
American Redstart - 2 pairs 6/6,7 & 1 6/18 Lyons (AC); 3 7/30 Sedalia (Club).
Orchard Oriole - male 6/3 Holyoke (ML); first-year male 6/12 Fort Morgan (Club).
SCOTT'S ORIOLE - the one reported as first Colorado record, seen 6/1 at Black Canyon of Gunnison Nat'l.Mon. by the Holts, was seen several times also during the previous week by C. Harold Baer.
ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK - pair 6/13 Platteville (ML).

Blue Grosbeak - pair 6/3 Holyoke (ML); 2 6/7,16 Golden (DC,RG).
Indigo Bunting - male 6/7,16,25 Golden (DC,RG,Club); 1 6/29 Lyons (AC);1 6/30 Longmont (IB); 1 7/10 Red Rocks at same place as mated with Lazuli Bunting in 1959, but no evidence of mate or nest this season (Club).
Lazuli Bunting - 2 6/18 Genesee Mtn. Park (8200')(DC,RG); pair (nesting?) 7/17 Genesee Mtn. Park (7200') (DT); nest & young 7/23 Eldora (8500')(Club).
Dickcissel - 2 singing males 6/19 Plum Creek, 5 miles south of Sedalia (DT) (only report for season).
Pine Grosbeak - 2 immatures 7/31 Mt. Goliath (DT).
Brown-capped Rosy Finch - hundreds 7/24-30 above timberline, Needle Mts. (HK).
Lesser Goldfinch - pair 6/18 Genesee Mtn. Park (DC,RG).
Red Crossbill - flock of 6-8 7/4 to 9/24 timberline, Mt. Goliath (DT).
Green-tailed Towhee - 2 pairs, nest with 4 young 6/24 Moraine Park (RMNP) (ML).
Lark Bunting - 145 (scattered) 7/4 area NE of Nunn (DC,IG).
Savannah Sparrow - 1 pair 6/19-7/18 LaSalle (ML).
Black-throated Sparrow - 10 (2 families of 5) 7/30 Colorado National Mon. (CHB,DC).
Lincoln's Sparrow - 7, Song Sparrow - 5, singing in same marsh 7/23 Eldora (Club).
Song Sparrow - 7/24-30 in willows at 10,000', Needle Mts. (HK).
McCown's Longspur - 26 7/4 (2 miles of road) NE of Nunn (DC,RG); 10 7/8 Nunn (AC).

A number of mountain species not regular in Denver and elsewhere on the plains have been of frequent occurrence there this fall. These include Steller's Jay, Mountain Chickadee, Brown Creeper, Red-breasted and White-breasted Nuthatches, Pine and Evening Grosbeaks, Red Crossbill, and Pine Siskin. Others such as Blue Jay and Cedar Waxwing also have been unusually numerous. Reports of these species through fall, winter and spring are especially desired. Numerous reports have been received of albino and other unusual individuals of several species during the past few years. Usually these have not been reported in our summary, as they were not significant in the seasonal reports. However, as a summary of the occurrence of albinism and melanism might be of interest, one will be compiled in the near future, and any additional reports of this nature from the past several years are solicited. Please send all reports to Donald Thatcher, 2916 Perry St., Denver 12.

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A Meadowlark, presumably Western, that sang like a Cardinal was reported by Mary Louise Rosegay as occurring during several weeks following May 21 at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal, at Derby, where it was seen also by a number of other birders. Its Cardinal song was of two types: "cheer, cheer" and the two-syllabled "birdy, birdy"; but its call notes were typical of the Meadowlark.

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NOVEMBER MEETING

8 PM, Tuesday, November 22, Bird Room, Denver Museum of Natural History. Mr. Johnson Neff will give a short talk on Histoplasmosis and other bird-carried diseases of man. Also three short wildlife films - one from Alaska and two from Sweden.

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61st CHRISTMAS COUNT

The usual two Christmas counts are planned, the low-altitude count, southwest of Denver, to be made Monday, December 26, and the high-altitude one, in the mountains above Idaho Springs, Monday, January 2. Details of subdivision of the two areas will be announced later. Those interested in participating should call John Chapin (SK6-2200) for assignment to parties.

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Field Trip Checklist of All Birds Seen in Colorado

Date _____ Time _____

Locality _____

Observer _____

Weather _____

_____Common Loon
_____Yellow-billed Loon ‡
_____Arctic Loon ‡
_____Red-throated Loon ‡
_____Red-necked Grebe *
_____Horned Grebe
_____Eared Grebe
_____Western Grebe
_____Pied-billed Grebe
_____White Pelican
_____Brown Pelican ‡
_____Double-crested Cormorant
_____Olivaceous Cormorant ‡
_____Anhinga ‡
_____Great Blue Heron
_____Green Heron *
_____Little Blue Heron ‡
_____Reddish Egret ‡
_____Common Egret *
_____Snowy Egret
_____Louisiana Heron ‡
_____Black-crowned Night Heron
_____Yellow-crowned Night Heron ‡
_____Least Bittern *
_____American Bittern
_____Wood Ibis ‡
_____Glossy Ibis *
_____White-faced Ibis
_____White Ibis ‡
_____Roseate Spoonbill ‡
_____Whistling Swan
_____Trumpeter Swan ‡
_____Canada Goose
_____White-fronted Goose
_____Snow Goose
_____Blue Goose ‡
_____Ross' Goose ‡
_____Mallard
_____Mexican Duck ‡

_____Sharp-tailed Grouse *
_____Sage Grouse
_____Bobwhite
_____Scaled Quail
_____California Quail
_____Gambel's Quail
_____Ring-necked Pheasant
_____Chukar
_____Spanish Red-legged Partridge
_____Gray Partridge
_____Turkey
_____Whooping Crane ‡
_____Sandhill Crane
_____Virginia Rail
_____Sora
_____Yellow Rail ‡
_____Black Rail ‡
_____Purple Gallinule ‡
_____Common Gallinule ‡
_____American Coot
_____Semipalmated Plover *
_____Piping Plover ‡
_____Snowy Plover ‡
_____Killdeer
_____Mountain Plover
_____American Golden Plover
_____Black-bellied Plover
_____Ruddy Turnstone ‡
_____American Woodcock ‡
_____Common Snipe
_____Long-billed Curlew
_____Whimbrel *
_____Upland Plover *
_____Spotted Sandpiper
_____Solitary Sandpiper
_____Willet
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_____Lesser Yellowlegs
_____Knot ‡

_____Boreal Owl ‡
_____Saw-whet Owl
_____Whip-poor-will ‡
_____Poor-will
_____Common Nighthawk
_____Lesser Nighthawk ‡
_____Black Swift *
_____Chimney Swift *
_____White-throated Swift
_____Black-chinned Hummingbird *
_____Broad-tailed Hummingbird
_____Rufous Hummingbird
_____Calliope Hummingbird *
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_____Rough-winged Swallow
_____Barn Swallow
_____Cliff Swallow
_____Purple Martin *
_____Gray Jay
_____Blue Jay
_____Steller's Jay
_____Scrub Jay
_____Black-billed Magpie
_____Common Raven

_____Swainson's Warbler ‡
_____Worm-eating Warbler ‡
_____Golden-winged Warbler ‡
_____Tennessee Warbler *
_____Orange-crowned Warbler
_____Nashville Warbler *
_____Virginia's Warbler
_____Lucy's Warbler *
_____Parula Warbler *
_____Yellow Warbler
_____Magnolia Warbler *
_____Cape May Warbler ‡
_____Black-throated Blue Warbler ‡
_____Myrtle Warbler
_____Audubon's Warbler
_____Black-throated Gray Warbler
_____Townsend's Warbler
_____Black-throated Green Warbler ‡
_____Cerulean Warbler ‡
_____Blackburnian Warbler ‡
_____Yellow-throated Warbler ‡
_____Grace's Warbler *
_____Chestnut-sided Warbler *
_____Bay-breasted Warbler ‡
_____Blackpoll Warbler *
_____Palm Warbler *
_____Ovenbird
_____Northern Waterthrush
_____Connecticut Warbler ‡
_____Mourning Warbler ‡
_____MacGillivray's Warbler
_____Yellowthroat
_____Yellow-breasted Chat
_____Hooded Warbler ‡
_____Wilson's Warbler
_____Canada Warbler ‡
_____American Redstart
_____House Sparrow
_____Bobolink
_____Eastern Meadowlark *
_____Western Meadowlark
_____Yellow-headed Blackbird
_____Redwinged Blackbird
_____Orchard Oriole
_____Scott's Oriole ‡
_____Baltimore Oriole
_____Bullock's Oriole
_____Rusty Blackbird *
_____Brewer's Blackbird
_____Common Grackle
_____Brown-headed Cowbird
_____Western Tanager
_____Scarlet Tanager *
_____Hepatic Tanager ‡
_____Summer Tanager ‡
_____Cardinal *
_____Rose-breasted Grosbeak *
_____Black-headed Grosbeak
_____Blue Grosbeak

_____Black Duck ‡
_____Mottled Duck ‡
_____Gadwall
_____Pintail
_____Green-winged Teal
_____Blue-winged Teal
_____Cinnamon Teal
_____American Widgeon
_____Shoveler
_____Wood Duck
_____Redhead
_____Ring-necked Duck
_____Canvasback
_____Greater Scaup *
_____Lesser Scaup
_____Common Goldeneye
_____Barrow's Goldeneye *
_____Bufflehead
_____Oldsquaw *
_____Harlequin Duck *
_____Common Eider ‡
_____White-winged Scoter *
_____Surf Scoter *
_____Common Scoter *
_____Ruddy Duck
_____Hooded Merganser
_____Common Merganser
_____Red-breasted Merganser
_____Turkey Vulture
_____Black Vulture ‡
_____Swallow-tailed Kite ‡
_____Mississippi Kite ‡
_____Goshawk
_____Sharp-shinned Hawk
_____Cooper's Hawk
_____Red-tailed Hawk
_____Harlan's Hawk *
_____Red-shouldered Hawk *
_____Broad-winged Hawk *
_____Swainson's Hawk
_____Rough-legged Hawk
_____Ferruginous Hawk
_____Golden Eagle
_____Bald Eagle
_____Marsh Hawk
_____Osprey
_____Caracara ‡
_____Gyrfalcon ‡
_____Prairie Falcon
_____Peregrine Falcon
_____Pigeon Hawk
_____Sparrow Hawk
_____Blue Grouse
_____Spruce Grouse ‡
_____Ruffed Grouse ‡
_____White-tailed Ptarmigan
_____Greater Prairie Chicken *
_____Lesser Prairie Chicken ‡

_____Pectoral Sandpiper
_____White-rumped Sandpiper
_____Baird's Sandpiper
_____Least Sandpiper
_____Dunlin *
_____Short-billed Dowitcher ‡
_____Long-billed Dowitcher
_____Stilt Sandpiper
_____Semipalmated Sandpiper
_____Western Sandpiper
_____Buff-breasted Sandpiper ‡
_____Marbled Godwit
_____Hudsonian Godwit ‡
_____Sanderling
_____American Avocet
_____Black-necked Stilt *
_____Red Phalarope ‡
_____Wilson's Phalarope
_____Northern Phalarope
_____Pomarine Jaeger ‡
_____Parasitic Jaeger *
_____Long-tailed Jaeger ‡
_____Glaucous Gull ‡
_____Iceland Gull ‡
_____Western Gull ‡
_____Herring Gull
_____California Gull
_____Ring-billed Gull
_____Laughing Gull ‡
_____Franklin's Gull
_____Bonaparte's Gull
_____Ivory Gull ‡
_____Black-legged Kittiwake ‡
_____Sabine's Gull *
_____Forster's Tern
_____Common Tern *
_____Arctic Tern ‡
_____Least Tern ‡
_____Black Tern
_____Ancient Murrelet ‡
_____Band-tailed Pigeon
_____Rock Dove
_____White-winged Dove ‡
_____Mourning Dove
_____Yellow-billed Cuckoo
_____Black-billed Cuckoo *
_____Roadrunner
_____Barn Owl
_____Screech Owl
_____Flammulated Owl *
_____Great Horned Owl
_____Snowy Owl *
_____Pygmy Owl
_____Burrowing Owl
_____Barred Owl ‡
_____Spotted Owl *
_____Long-eared Owl
_____Short-eared Owl

_____White-necked Raven
_____Common Crow
_____Pinon Jay
_____Clark's Nutcracker
_____Black-capped Chickadee
_____Mountain Chickadee
_____Plain Titmouse
_____Common Bushtit
_____White-breasted Nuthatch
_____Red-breasted Nuthatch
_____Pigmy Nuthatch
_____Brown Creeper
_____Dipper
_____House Wren
_____Winter Wren *
_____Bewick's Wren
_____Carolina Wren *
_____Long-billed Marsh Wren
_____Short-billed Marsh Wren ‡
_____Canon Wren
_____Rock Wren
_____Mockingbird
_____Catbird
_____Brown Thrasher
_____Long-billed Thrasher ‡
_____Bendire's Thrasher ‡
_____Sage Thrasher
_____Robin
_____Varied Thrush ‡
_____Wood Thrush ‡
_____Hermit Thrush
_____Swainson's Thrush
_____Gray-cheeked Thrush ‡
_____Veery
_____Eastern Bluebird *
_____Western Bluebird
_____Mountain Bluebird
_____Wheatear ‡
_____Townsend's Solitaire
_____Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
_____Golden-crowned Kinglet
_____Ruby-crowned Kinglet
_____Water Pipit
_____Sprague's Pipit ‡
_____Bohemian Waxwing
_____Cedar Waxwing
_____Northern Shrike
_____Loggerhead Shrike
_____Starling
_____Bell's Vireo
_____Gray Vireo ‡
_____Yellow-throated Vireo ‡
_____Solitary Vireo
_____Red-eyed Vireo
_____Philadelphia Vireo ‡
_____Warbling Vireo
_____Black-and-White Warbler *
_____Prothonotary Warbler ‡

_____Indigo Bunting *
_____Lazuli Bunting
_____Painted Bunting ‡
_____Dickcissel *
_____Evening Grosbeak
_____Purple Finch ‡
_____Cassin's Finch
_____House Finch
_____Pine Grosbeak
_____Gray-crowned Rosy Finch
_____Black Rosy Finch *
_____Brown-capped Rosy Finch
_____Common Redpoll *
_____Pine Siskin
_____American Goldfinch
_____Lesser Goldfinch
_____Red Crossbill
_____White-winged Crossbill *
_____Green-tailed Towhee
_____Rufous-sided Towhee
_____Brown Towhee
_____Lark Bunting
_____Savannah Sparrow
_____Grasshopper Sparrow *
_____Baird's Sparrow *
_____Le Conte's Sparrow ‡
_____Sharp-tailed Sparrow ‡
_____Vesper Sparrow
_____Lark Sparrow
_____Rufous-crowned Sparrow *
_____Cassin's Sparrow *
_____Black-throated Sparrow
_____Sage Sparrow
_____White-winged Junco
_____Slate-colored Junco
_____Oregon Junco
_____Gray-headed Junco
_____Tree Sparrow
_____Chipping Sparrow
_____Clay-colored Sparrow
_____Brewer's Sparrow
_____Field Sparrow *
_____Harris' Sparrow
_____White-crowned Sparrow
_____Golden-crowned Sparrow ‡
_____White-throated Sparrow
_____Fox Sparrow *
_____Lincoln's Sparrow
_____Swamp Sparrow *
_____Song Sparrow
_____McCown's Longspur
_____Lapland Longspur
_____Chestnut-collared Longspur
_____Snow Bunting *

Total species, 424.

* Unusual. ‡ Extremely unusual, very few records. If observed, write details on back of sheet.

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FIELD CHECK LIST REVISED

The Club's field check list of Colorado birds has been revised and reprinted, with changes in the heading, addition of 4 new species (including, we regret to say, the Mourning Warbler), and elimination of one, the Glaucous-winged Gull. All species rare in Colorado are starred in this edition, the most unusual double-starred. As the process used for this printing is much less expensive than that necessary for the original printing, copies of this list are available to Club members at 2 cents each at meetings or 5 cents by mail (to anyone). A sample copy accompanies this bulletin.

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FALL MIGRATION, 1960
by Donald M. Thatcher

The fall migration has been extremely interesting, with unusual flights of several mountain species onto the plains. Migration by many species was delayed as a result of the extended summer and mild fall, until the first storm, October 14. The following report incorporates only a very small fraction of the many records received, but the earliest and latest dates and high counts are given for as many species as possible. Several unusual species are listed, indicated by capital letters. A few occurrences in unusual places, out of normal life zones, are underlined. Several interesting winter records of species whose "last" dates are included here will appear in the winter season report. (Some dates may conflict with those given in the Weldona Notes and the report from Durango. They have not been cross-checked.)

Tabulating and analyzing the thousands of records for each season will be much easier if reporters (those few who do not already do so) will please:

1. List species (in long lists) in checklist order (1957). (Occasionally a list comes in 1910 order, which is better than none at all.)

2. Date reports. ("Still present" loses its value unless a postmark happens to be saved when report is received.)

3. Identify lakes, canyons, mountains, etc., by nearest town, county, etc., unless very well known. (We will try to do the same for you, and have been guilty of using Denver parks, lakes, and the like without identification.) Also add counties for crossroad towns, as even the Highway Department maps omit many.

Correction. Summer season report.- The Three-toed Woodpecker 6/24 at Moraine Park (CBN,10/15/60,p.49) should have been WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER.

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Letters F, H, and L indicate first of season, high count, and last of season, respectively.

Common Loon - F 10/21, Longmont (JA); L 1 12/3 Loveland (RR).
Horned Grebe - F 3 10/15, L 2 11/19 Longmont (IB,AC).
Eared Grebe - F 1 9/18 Bow Mar (C); 1 9/24 (DT), 10/2 (ML) Echo Lake (10,600'); L 5 11/20 Bow Mar (C).
Western Grebe - F 1 8/30 Denver (L&CB); H 75 10/24 Longmont (AC,IB); L 11/22 Longmont (JA).

Pied-billed Grebe - L 2 11/25 Longmont (AC).
White Pelican - F 2 9/19 Platteville (Milton Resv.)(ML); L 2 10/26 Longmont (IB).
Double-crested Cormorant - nesting colony gone by 8/27 Platteville (ML); L 1 10/1 Bonny Dam (C).
Great Blue Heron - H 29 9/19 Platteville (ML); L 2 11/28 Longmont (AC).
Snowy Egret - L 2 9/25 Mile High Lakes (C).
Black-crowned Night Heron - H 24 10/8 Barr L (C); L 11/11 Berthoud (JA).
American Bittern - L 2 10/16 Barr L (C).
White-faced Ibis - L 1 8/27 Platteville (Milton Resv.)(ML).
Snow Goose - 9 10/14, 8 10/21-25 Longmont (AC,IB); L 11/14 Longmont (JA).
Green-winged Teal - 5 9/24 Echo Lake (10,600')(DT).
Blue-winged Teal - L 5 10/1 Bonny (C).
Cinnamon Teal - L 2 9/11 Longmont (IB).
Wood Duck - 1 9/18 Bow Mar (C); pair 11/24 Bow Mar (G&MS).
Common Goldeneye - F 4 11/8 Longmont, H 160 11/20,29 Estes Park (AC).
Bufflehead - F 2 10/15 Bow Mar (C), 2 10/15 Longmont (IB); H 22 11/26 Golden (C).
COMMON SCOTER - 1 found dead 11/24 Larimer Co. (LAR,PLL, reported by RR).
Common Merganser - F 4 10/30 Bow Mar (C).
Turkey Vulture - 1 8/6 Echo Lake (DC,RG); L 1 11/19 Boulder (P&LJ) & Morrison (L&CB).
Swainson's Hawk - H 50 plus (prob. this species) overhead 9/17 Platteville (ML); L 1 10/1 Bonny (C).
Roung-legged Hawk - F 1 9/20 (early) Arapahoe Co. (HH); next reports 10/16.
Golden Eagle - 2 ad., 1 imm. 10/16 Morrison (DT); 1 ad., 3 imm. together 10/19 Morrison (L&CB) (several later reports, unusually numerous).
Bald Eagle - 1 ad. 11/24 Deckers (G&MS).
Marsh Hawk - 1 8/26 Summit L (12,800')(DT).
Prairie Falcon - 1 8/26 Summit L (DT).
Peregrine Falcon - 1 8/28 Longmont (IB); 1 9/10 Barr L (C).
Pigeon Hawk - F 1 10/15 Morrison (C); 1 11/23 Golden (HH).
Sparrow Hawk - H 40 (7 miles) 9/14 Longmont vic. (IB); 30 9/17 Morrison vic. (C); last of migration about 10/22.
Bobwhite - 17 11/16 Platteville (ML)(recovered from open season?).
Scaled Quail - 50 10/1 Fort Collins (RR).
California Quail - 100 10/1 Fort Collins (RR).
Chukar - 25 10/1 Fort Collins (RR).
(Above 3 species have young, apparently established.)
Spanish Red-legged Partridge - 2 10/1 Fort Collins (RR).
Ring-necked Pheasant - 2 males 11/13 Red Rocks Park--first record (C).
Sandhill Crane - F 50 9/17, 1500 10/9-10 Platteville (Milton Resv.)(ML); 9/29-10/12 (See Weldona Notes); number? 10/15 Fort Collins (RR); 300 10/16 over Cochetopa Pass, Saguache Co. (10,000')(total over 1000 10/16,17,18)(TAV,RMH).
Semipalmated Plover - F 5 8/11 Longmont (Union Resv.)(IB); L 10/8 Longmont (JA).
Killdeer - flock 60 9/11 Longmont (IB); 25 11/20 Bow Mar (C); L 11/23 Longmont (JA).
American Golden Plover - 1 10/5-20 Longmont (IB,AC); 1 10/16 Mile High L (C).
Black-bellied Plover - F 4 9/18, H 58 10/23, 21 10/26, L 11/14 Longmont (JA,IB,AC); 1-2 10/1,2 Bonny (C).
Common Snipe - H 30 plus 10/22 Golden (C).
Spotted Sandpiper - L 1 9/18 Bow Mar (C).
Solitary Sandpiper - 7/22 Longmont (IB); 2 8/7 Mile High L (C); H 5 8/13 Barr L; L 2 9/18 Bow Mar (C).
Willet - 2 8/22 Longmont (IB); L 15 10/9 Longmont (ML).
Greater Yellowlegs - F 3 8/13 Longmont (IB); 1 8/13 Barr L (C); H 16 10/3 Longmont (IB); L 2 11/2 Weld Co. east of Berthoud (AC).
Lesser Yellowlegs - F 1 7/6 Longmont (IB); 54 7/9, H 88 8/13 Barr L (C); L 2 11/2 Weld Co. east of Berthoud (AC).
Pectoral Sandpiper - F 3 9/10 Barr L (C); L 10/10 Longmont (JA).

White-rumped Sandpiper - 1 8/28 Bow Mar (C).
Baird's Sandpiper - F 15 7/9, H 160 9/10 Barr L (C); L 10/22 Longmont (JA).
Least Sandpiper - F 2 8/27 Platteville (ML); H & L 7 11/7 Longmont (AC).
Long-billed Dowitcher - F 7 (breeding plumage) 7/12,13; 11 (fall plumage) 7/28 Longmont (IB,AC); 30 8/7 Mile High L (C); H 117 10/8 Barr L (C), also 117 10/19 Boulder Co. (AC); L 1 10/27 Longmont (AC).
Stilt Sandpiper - F 1 8/2 Longmont (IB); L 2 10/8 Barr L (C).
Semipalmated Sandpiper - F 8 9/10 Barr L (C); H & L 12 10/2 Longmont (IB).
Western Sandpiper - F 5 9/10 Barr L (C); H 30 10/1, L 25 10/2 Bonny (C).
Sanderling - F 1 8/11 LaSalle (AC); H 8 10/1 Bonny (C); L 4 11/5 Longmont (AC).
American Avocet - H 80 9/10 Barr L (C); L 11/23 Longmont (JA).
Wilson's Phalarope - H 35 8/27 Platteville (ML); L 3 10/22 Longmont (AC).
Northern Phalarope - F 5 9/10 Barr L (C); L 1 10/4 Longmont (AC).
California Gull - F 2 8/28 Bow Mar (C); L 2 10/25 Longmont (AC).
Herring Gull - 9/21,10/22-28 Longmont (JA); 5 11/29 Estes Park (AC).
Franklin's Gull - F 25 7/30 Denver (C); H 10,000 9/18 to 50,000 10/15 Bow Mar (C); L 1 11/22 Longmont (AC).
Bonaparte's Gull - F 2 10/3 Longmont (IB); H & L 4 11/18 Denver (L&CB); 3 other reports.
Forster's Tern - 1 9/20 Cherry Creek Resv. (HH).
Black Tern - L 2 9/18 Bow Mar (C).
Band-tailed Pigeon - 1 9/14 (HH), 1 10/22 (NL,DT) Morrison.
Mourning Dove - last to leave nest at farm 8/30, L 4 11/22 Platteville (ML); end main migration approx. 10/16.
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - summer H 6 Golden (DC,RG); 5 pairs at or near Platteville 6/15-8/11 (ML); L 1 8/28 Golden (P&JW).
Barn Owl - 2 9/19 (IB), left about 11/1 (AC) Longmont.
Burrowing Owl - L 1 9/28 Platteville (ML).
Short-eared Owl - F 1 11/5 Fort Collins (RR).
Poor-will - 1 9/24 Crown Hill Cemetery (C); L 1 10/1 Bonny (C).
Common Nighthawk - L 3 9/26 Longmont (IB).
White-throated Swift - L 30 10/9 Red Rocks Park (C).
Broad-tailed Hummingbird - L ad. male 8/26, imm. 9/24 (only one since 9/15, usual last date) Eldora, Boulder Co (8700')(GS).
Rufous Hummingbird - F 3 males at feeders 7/23 Eldora (GS); 1 7/31 timberline, Mt. Evans (DT); 1-3 8/11-9/2 Denver (P&JW); L 8/28 Longmont (IB).
Yellow-shafted Flicker - female 9/13 Longmont (IB)(no evidence of hybridization).
Red-shafted Flicker - flock 5 7/31 timberline Mt. Evans (DT); 1 9/5 at 10,000', Gunnison Co. (HK).
Red-headed Woodpecker - L 3 10/1 Bonny (C).
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1 10/5 Littleton (RJN); 1 11/9 Lyons (AC).
Eastern Kingbird - H 24 8/13 Barr vic.(C); L 1 9/1 Platteville (ML).
Western Kingbird - L 9/21 Longmont (JA).
Cassin's Kingbird - L 1 9/10 Barr L (C).
GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER - 1 9/10 Denver (P&JW) First record for Colorado west of Bonny. Observers familiar with this species and Ash-throated Flycatcher.
Say's Phoebe - L 1 9/24 Golden (C).
Western Flycatcher - L 1 9/9 Denver (TM).
Empidonax (sp.?) - L 9/21 Longmont (JA).
Western Wood Pewee - L 1 9/21 Red Rocks Park (DC).
Olive-sided Flycatcher - L 1 9/20 Golden (HH).
Violet-green Swallow - left breeding area in foothills west of Lyons by 8/27 (HK); 36 8/27 Golden (P&JW); L 1 10/9 Longmont (IB).
Tree Swallow - L 1 10/9 Longmont (IB).
Bank Swallow - 1000 8/7 Mile High L (C); L 2 9/17 Morrison (C).
Rough-winged Swallow - L 1 10/9 Longmont (IB).

Barn Swallow - 320 9/10 Barr L (C); L 1 10/15 Longmont (IB).
Cliff Swallow - L 4 9/10 Barr L (C).
Gray Jay - 1 9/15 on plains 7 mi. west of Longmont (AC).
Blue Jay - F (Denver) 1 9/6, 5 scolding Long-eared Owl 9/30 Denver (DT);1 10/18 Georgetown (8500')(OA).
Steller's Jay - invasion of plains: F 6 9/12 near Longmont (AC); others Fort Collins, Golden, Longmont, Red Rocks; 1 at Platteville 10/23-11/27, 20 mi. from mts (ML).
Scrub Jay - invasion north, 8 localities vic. Longmont 9/12-11/29 (JA,IB,AC); 10-19 5 dates 10/12-11/30 Morrison (L&CB); flock 30 each, Scrub & Steller's Jays 9/5 Cimmaron R, Gunnison Co (HK).
Pinon Jay - flock 60 9/5 Cimmaron R (HK); flock 24 9/11 Genesee Mt. Park (C); small flock 10/15 Littleton (RJN).
Clark's Nutcracker - F 2 9/18 Genesee Mt. Park (DC,MLR,LW)(others to 11/5).
Black-capped Chickadee - 6 (3 occ.) 10/5 Genesee Mt. Park (1st record, 11 yrs.,DT) 2 11/6 Genesee Mt. Park (DT,NL).
Mountain Chickadee - invasion of plains: F 9/12 Denver (DT); many reports Golden, Barr L, Morrison, Aurora, Longmont, Fort Collins (city); 15 10/26 Platteville, 20 mi. from mountains (ML--2nd record).
Common Bushtit - 20 11/12, 30 & 15 11/19 foothills west of Lyons (HK). 11/6.
White-breasted Nuthatch - plains: F 2 9/7 Longmont (IB); others Barr L, Denver 9/10-
Red-breasted Nuthatch - unusual numbers, plains: F 1 8/3 Platteville (ML); 2 10/2 Beecher Is., Yuma Co (C); H 15 11/26 Golden (C); many reports Barr L, Denver, Aurora, Golden.
Brown Creeper - unusual numbers, plains: 17 occ. 1-8 9/20 (F)-11/27 Denver (TM); 12-15 in one-block area, Fitzsimons Hosp., Aurora 10/5 to late Nov. (MLR); 1 10/2 Beecher Is (C); others Barr, Morrison, Denver, Longmont, Fort Collins.
Dipper - F 2 10/5 Morrison (DC).
House Wren - F 1 8/3-31 (singing) Platteville (ML); 1-3 10/1-2 Bonny (C); L 10/22 Longmont (JA).
WINTER WREN - 1 11/16 (singing) Golden (H&EH).
BEWICK'S WREN - 1 10/9 Red Rocks (C), well observed, first Denver record (others April-June 1960, Boulder, 5/6/58 Weldona).
Canon Wren - 1-2 9/11, 10/16, 11/13 (singing) Red Rocks (C,DT)(recovering from scarcity this summer).
Rock Wren - H 12 9/26 Red Rocks (DC; L 2 10/9 Red Rocks (C).
Mockingbird - L 1 11/15 Longmont (AC).
Catbird - L 1 10/4 Longmont (AC).
Brown Thrasher - 1 Aug-Sept Georgetown (8500')(OA); L 1 9/20 Golden (HH).
Sage Thrasher - pair footgills west of Lyons, male imitating nearby Western Meadowlarks 7/9 (HK); L 1 10/10 Platteville (ML).
Robin - flock 60 flying south after storm 10/16 Red Rocks (DT); small number wintering, foothills; L 11/29 Denver (TM).
Hermit Thrush - L 1 10/16 Red Rocks (DT).
Swainson's Thrush - L 1 10/7 Longmont (AC).
Mountain Bluebird - flock at timberline 8/26 Mt. Evans (DT); 60 10/8 Platteville (ML); 80 10/15 Morrison (C); L 2 11/2 Platteville (ML).
Townsend's Solitaire - F edge foothills 1 9/11 Red Rocks (C); H 23 11/2 Morrison (L&CB); unusually numerous foothills & plains: Mile High L, Crown Hill Cem, Denver, Platteville, Longmont.
BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER - 1 10/15 Morrison (C).
Golden-crowned Kinglet - unusually numerous, foothills; several reports Denver and vicinity, Boulder, F 11/13.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - F (plains) 2 9/24 Golden (C); L 1 11/20 Denver (TM).
Water Pipit - F (plains) 4 9/25 Mile High L (C); several hundred 10/27 Larimer Co (RR); L 11/11 Longmont (JA).
Bohemian Waxwing - F 10 11/16 Golden (H&EH); (good flight).

Cedar Waxwing - unusually frequent, small numbers (1-25) Denver, Longmont, Fort Collins 9/8-10/26; several hundred 12/2 North Park (TAV).
Northern Shrike - F 1 10/15 Morrison (C).
Loggerhead Shrike - L 1 10/21 Longmont (AC)(4 days after 1st Northern at Longmont).
Solitary Vireo - L 1 10/29 (C)(one of the blue-headed races); prev L 1 9/22 (IB,AC).
Red-eyed Vireo - L 1 9/12 Longmont (AC).
Warbling Vireo - L 1 9/8 Red Rocks (DC).
BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER - 1 9/10 Barr L (C).
TENNESSEE WARBLER - 1 10/5 Genesee Mt. Park (DT).
Orange-crowned Warbler - F (plains) 2 9/10 Barr L (C), 9/10 Longmont (IB); H 8 10/2 Bonny (C); L 10/12 near Longmont (AC); 9/17,24 Eldora (GS).
Nashville Warbler - F 2 9/5 Platteville (ML); L 9/21 Longmont (JA).
Virginia's Warbler - L 10/20 Longmont (IB).
Yellow Warbler - L 1 8/27 Golden (P&JW).
MAGNOLIA WARBLER - 1 12/3 Littleton (C,TM).
BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER - male 11/23-27 Sullivan Ranch, Boulder (BS).
Myrtle Warbler - F 9/25 Longmont (IB); L 1 11/20 Denver (P&JW).
Audubon's Warbler - H 15 10/6 Platteville (ML); L 1 11/17 Lyons (AC).
Townsend's Warbler - unusually numerous; F 5 9/10 Barr L (C); several in mts., Genesee Mt. Park and Eldora, 9/11-10/5; L 1 10/15 Morrison (C).
BAY-BREASTED WARBLER - 1 10/1 Genesee Mt. Park (Beaver Brook--6800') (DT).
Northern Waterthrush - 1 8/26 Longmont (AC-banded).
MacGillivray's Warbler - on plains 8/27 to L 1 9/21 Longmont (AC).
Yellowthroat - L 2 9/28 Platteville (ML).
Yellow-breasted Chat - L 1 9/18 Bow Mar (C) and Red Rocks (MLR,LW).
Wilson's Warbler - 1 9/24 Echo L (10,600')(DT); plains: F 1 8/18 Denver (DT); H 24 9/10 Barr L (C); L 1 10/12 Morrison (L&CB).
American Redstart - L 1 8/27 Golden (JW,RG).
Western Meadowlark - flocking 8/27, H 50 plus 9/15 Platteville (ML).
Yellow-headed Blackbird - L 3 10/1 Bonny (C), until 7 12/14 Longmont (AC).
Bullock's Oriole - L 1 8/27 Platteville (ML).
Brewer's Blackbird - H 103 9/17 Morrison (C); 500 10/8 between Platteville & Fort Collins (ML); 100 10/19 Morrison (L&CB); 30 11/24 Morrison (G&MS); (several winter reports).
Common Grackle - 50 8/28 Bow Mar (C); L 15-20 10/27 Platteville (ML).
Western Tanager - plains: F & H 9 9/8 Red Rocks (DC); L 1 male 10/15 (late) Morrison (C), except female at Boulder until 11/27 (JH).
SCARLET TANAGER - 1 male in winter plumage 10/15 Morrison (C).
Black-headed Grosbeak - L 1 9/20 Longmont (AC).
Blue Grosbeak - 11 banded 8/17-9/13 near Longmont (AC).
Lazuli Bunting - L 2 9/17 Golden (DC).
Evening Grosbeak - good flight; flocks to 30 7/10-11/28 Lyons (AC); F Denver 8/3 (JN); others Morrison, Red Rocks, Golden, Longmont, Palmer L, Boulder, Genesee Mt Park.
Cassin's Finch - plains: F 14 10/15 Morrison (C), H 33 11/30 Morrison (L&CB).
Pine Grosbeak - small flight to foothills and plains: 4-5 11/6-13 Genesee Mt. Park (C,DC,RG,NL,DT); 2 11/6 Denver (AMB,LW,MLR).
COMMON REDPOLL - 16 11/16 (with flock Pine Siskins), 11/30 Morrison (L&CB); 3 11/18 near Platteville (ML); 10 11/24 Deckers (G&MS).
Pine Siskin - common plains & foothills, 8/17-11/17 Longmont area (AC); L 4 11/26 Golden (C).
Lesser Goldfinch - L 1 male 10/28 Longmont (AC).
Red Crossbill - common foothills west Lyons 6/26-10/29 (HK); common 8/14-11/12 Genesee Mt. Park (DC,NL,DT); plains: F 3 8/27 Crown Hill Cem. (JW,RG); 24 reports 8/27-12/7 (Platteville, LaSalle, Fort Collins, Golden, Crown Hill, Denver, Englewood, Aurora).
Green-tailed Towhee - H 11 9/15 Red Rocks (DC); L 1 10/6 Denver (TM).

Rufous-sided Towhee - H 42-43 9/15,18 Red Rocks (DC); 8 10/16 Red Rocks (DT); 3 or 4 wintering.
Lark Bunting - L 2 9/19 Platteville (ML).
Savannah Sparrow - L 2 10/8 Barr L (C).
Baird's Sparrow - 1 8/27-9/4 Platteville (ML).
Vesper Sparrow - H 134 9/10 Aurora to Barr L (approx 18 mi.) (C); L 6 Platteville (ML), 1 Longmont (AC) 10/10.
Lark Sparrow - flocking 8/15 Platteville (ML); L 9/21 (JA).
White-winged Junco - F 1 10/15 Lyons (AC); H 4 (3 reports).
Slate-colored Junco - F 4 10/1 Bonny (C); H 17 11/30 Morrison (L&CB).
Oregon Junco - F 1 9/15 Red Rocks Park (DC).
Gray-headed Junco - F plains 3 10/4 Denver (TM); H 5 10/9 Morrison (L&CB).
Tree Sparrow - F 1 10/10 Longmont (AC); H 100 11/13 Platteville (ML); few, Denver.
Chipping Sparrow - migration 9/10-10/8; H 100 10/4 Denver (TM); L 1 (banded) 11/18 Longmont (AC).
Clay-colored Sparrow - F 1 8/14 Red Rocks (DT); L 6 9/30 Platteville (ML).
Brewer's Sparrow - F 3 8/27 Golden (JW); H 6 8/28-9/13 Platteville (ML); L 1 10/1 Denver (TM).
FIELD SPARROW - 2 10/2 Bonny (C).
Harris' Sparrow - 1 10/28, 2 or more 11/14-17 Longmont (AC).
White-crowned Sparrow - plains: 1 8/28 Longmont (IB); H 27 9/24 Golden (C).
White-throated Sparrow - 1 10/2 Bonny (C); 1 11/2,3 Longmont (AC); 1 11/18 Denver(TM); 1 11/10 Georgetown (OA).
Fox Sparrow - 1 11/16,19 Golden (G&MS).
Lincoln's Sparrow - plains: 1 9/6 Longmont (AC); H 3 10/8, L 1 10/16 Barr L (C).
Swamp Sparrow - 1 10/16 Red Rocks Park (DT).
McCown's Longspur - 30 10/1, 10 10/2 Bonny (C).
Lapland Longspur - 100-150 11/25 Holyoke (skimming over pond and perching on protruding grasses to drink)(ML); flock 200 11/27 NE Colorado (ML).

WELDONA NOTES
by Howard Rollin

Sept. 30, 1960.--The drouth continues here with only sprinkles of rain. The migration of birds here this past month has been quite interesting but nothing spectacular has occurred. The following data bring the notes up to date:

Nov. 1, 1960.--The drouth of the summer that continued into the fall was finally broken October 18 and 19, with 1.40 inches of rain. The fall migration has been about as usual, with nothing very rare or of great interest. The following notes bring the data up to date:

(The following data are combined from the two above reports and one without comment dated December 20 (S indicates Sept. 30 report; N, Nov. 1; D, Dec. 20))-DMT.

Canada Goose - flock 25-30 11/25.
Mallard - flock 25-30 11/12.
Blue-winged Teal - 1 11/10.
Red-tailed Hawk - 1 9/23, 2 10/4.
Swainson's Hawk - last, 10/12.
Rough-legged Hawk - none to date 11/1; present, but scarce, D.
Golden Eagle - present, but very few (S,N,D).
Bald Eagle - first, 1 12/2 to 12/18.
Marsh Hawk - present, rare (S,N,D).
Prairie Falcon - 1 10/5.
Pigeon Hawk - 1 9/12 (very rare).

Sparrow Hawk - present, rare (S,N,D).
Ring-necked Pheasant - present, very few (S,N,D).
Sandhill Crane - 8 9/29; unknown number 10/1,2; thousands 10/3; 2000 10/4; 200 10/8; 5-6000 10/9; small numbers 10/10,11; last 10/12.
Killdeer - 1 9/29, first since 9/3; 1 10/27.
Franklin's Gull - few 9/20, seen occasionally in October.
Mourning Dove - very few (S); last 1 10/10. 12/21.
Great Horned Owl - present, rare (S,N,D). Two pairs, Wildcat Creek, Christmas Count
Red-shafted Flicker - first, 1 9/24, 1 9/26, 10/13, 11/11-23.
Eastern Kingbird - last, 9/5.
Western Kingbird - last, 9/16.
Say's Phoebe - present until 10/9.
Western Wood Pewee 1 9/5,13.
Horned Lark - very common (S), decreasing to December.
Barn Swallow - 2 9/20.
Blue Jay - 1 9/26.
Black-billed Magpie - fairly common.
Black-capped Chickadee - 1 10/2.
House Wren - 1 9/19.
Rock Wren - present until last, 10/8.
Mockingbird - last, 9/1.
Brown Thrasher - last, 9/23.
Sage Thrasher - last 10/13.
Robin - 1 9/21 & 28, frequent to 10/28, last 1 11/14.
Mountain Bluebird - first 1 9/28, last 10/22, rare this fall.
Townsend's Solitaire - first, 2 9/19; last 10/5.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 1 9/22,23.
Northern Shrike - first 1 10/21,24; scarce (D).
Loggerhead Shrike - last 9/12.
Cedar Waxwing - 7 11/13 (very rare here).
Starling - occasional, few (S,N.D)
Myrtle Warbler - first 3 9/9,18,29; last 1 10/3.
Audubon's Warbler - 6 10/1.
MacGillivray's Warbler - 1 9/10,11.
Wilson's Warbler - first 1 9/7, present to 9/20.
House Sparrow - occasional, small numbers.
Western Meadowlark - very common, Sept. to middle Oct., fewer later.
Redwinged Blackbird - uncommon, most 12 9/18, rare Oct., 10 11/11, 1 11/30.
Bullock's Oriole - 1 9/17 (latest date here, also 9/17/47; first since 8/15.
Brewer's Blackbird - first 4 9/18, occasional to 10/26; last 2 11/3; common further south.
Brown-headed Cowbird - last, flock 14 9/6.
Lazuli Bunting - 3 (imm. plumage) 9/9.
PURPLE FINCH - 1 12/11 (very rare).
House Finch - 1 10/26 (rare here)
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch (L.t.tephrocotis) - 1 12/17 (first record; previous records have been Hepburn's (L.t.littoralis).
Pine Siskin - first 3 9/13, 20 9/19 (early).
American Goldfinch - 4 9/10,12,17, then occasional to 12/20.
Lesser Goldfinch - 1 9/1.
Green-tailed Towhee - 1 9/7,17,18.
Rufous-sided Towhee - 1 9/21-25.
Lark Bunting - last 9/6.
Vesper Sparrow - 1 9/1, present to 10/8.
Lark Sparrow - last 9/5.
Oregon Junco - first 1 9/16-18, few until Nov., none Dec.

Tree Sparrow - first 3 10/17,18; few present (N).
Chipping Sparrow - 2 9/5,6.
Clay-colored Sparrow - first 3 9/1-4, last 10/4.
Brewer's Sparrow - 1 9/13 (first since 8/20).
White-crowned Sparrow - first 1 9/17-19; last 10/21.
McCown's Longspur - first 2 9/1,12; continued migration to 10/1.
Lapland Longspur - first 30-40 10/2; small numbers to 12/20.
*Yellow-headed Blackbird - small number, Sept.

DURANGO REPORT - A NEW RECORD

Three colored slides showing a WORM-EATING WARBLER found dead at Durango, October 22, 1960, by Miss Oppie Reames have been received. These constitute the first specimen record for this bird in Colorado, the only other record seeming to be a good sight record of one at Fort Collins, May 16, 1959, seen by John and Margaret Douglass. It is especially interesting that this southeastern species should occur on the western slope.

While properly documented photographs provide as authentic records as skins, it is unfortunate that the skin of this bird, which was in good condition, could not have been saved. Dr. A. M. Bailey advises that anyone finding such a specimen who is unable to make a skin of it can save it and mail it to a museum by packing in "dry ice" or by having a physician inject it with formaldehyde. Some "first record" specimens have been naturally mummified before being found, in the dry climate of this region. This is true of the only Colorado record of the Yellow-throated Warbler, found in 1956--a valid specimen despite its extremely poor condition.

The following is from Miss Reames' letter accompanying the slides:

"Enclosed are pictures of a Worm-eating Warbler which was found here Oct. 22. This bird was found dead on the porch floor of the store, facing Main Street, in the building in which I live. The body was still limp and I could find no marks indicating any injury. It is quite possible it struck a car head-on on the street (highway 550) or it may have died of exhaustion or lack of food.

"Weather conditions here on Oct. 22 were settled. It was clear, still and warm. However the period covering the 15th through the 19th was very stormy. It began with rain, turning to snow on the 16th and ended with high winds and clearing on the 19th.

"These pictures do not show the rich olive-green coloring. Actually the body feathers were gray, tipped with olive-green. The pictures were made by Herb Erickson.

"This Oct. storm brought brown-capped rosy finch into Durango on the 18th. On the 19th during the late afternoon and covering a period of about 30 minutes, I checked these: Oregon and Gray-headed Juncos, mixed flocks, approx. 150; Western Bluebird (25); Pine Siskins (25-30); Am. Goldfinch (30); Ruby-crowned Kinglet (15); Audubon Warbler (15); Cassin's Finch (75-100); Green-tailed Towhee (1). This was a day when birds were moving, but I was unable to be out except for this brief period.

"Brief notes of interest: Oct. 31--Pygmy Owl, North Durango, eating Oregon Junco; Nov. 10 and 11--Roadrunner, North Durango; Nov. 11--Evening Grosbeaks.

"More of these than last year during November: Mountain Chickadee, Black-capped

Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch, Downy Woodpecker, Brown Creeper, Scrub Jay, and Steller's Jay."

-DMT.

BLACK BRANT - AN ADDITION TO THE COLORADO LIST

Ronald Ryder has called our attention to a new record for the State. He writes (Dec. 12, 1960):

"I checked on a Black Brant that was reported to have been taken near Loveland (Hansen and Nelson. 1957. Trans. N. Am. Wild. Conference p. 242). Hansen writes from Juneau that the bird was definitely a Black Brant banded at Nelson Island, Alaska, July 28, 1951 and shot in November or December 1954 by Johnny Price on Union Reservoir (East of Longmont). In recent years Black Brant have been taken in Utah and Nebraska so I think this undoubtedly is a valid record.

"Of past interest, an immature male Oldsquaw was found dead near Masonville in Larimer County, November 25, 1958. It was made into a study skin."

-DMT

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The Club has received from Howard Rollin an excellent painting of the Scott's Oriole--a species added this year to the Colorado state list. Many thanks!

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JANUARY MEETING -- 8 PM, Tuesday, January 24, at Bird Room, Denver Museum of Natural History (Use north entrance through furnace room). Dr. Alfred M. Bailey will present a new movie on Colorado Birds.

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DUES for 1961 -- If you have not paid your dues for 1961, please send them at once to Colorado Bird Club, Denver Museum of Natural History, City Park, Denver 6, Colorado. There are three classes of membership: Contributing, $10 a year; Supporting, $5 ayear; and Regular, $2 a year. Anyone living outside the Denver metropolitan area and not wishing to become a member of the Club may subscribe to COLORADO BIRD NOTES for $1.00 a year.

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ADDITIONAL BIRD OBSERVATIONS -- A Barrow's Goldeneye seen at Estes Park (Lake Estes) November 24 by Jay Arnold should have been included in the fall report. Other observations, to be in the winter report, and which probably can still be seen by those interested, are a second Barrow's Goldeneye and a female Oldsquaw at Lake Estes, and a Pygmy Owl at Bear Creek, at Morrison. Harold Holt reports a Gray Jay and a Mockingbird at the same place in northwest Denver, unusual company. The December flight of Bohemian Waxwings seems to have moved elsewhere, for we have received very few recent reports.